

## NEW YEAR IN BELARUS

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*luck          evergreen          care          fireworks          decoration*

The most important New Year \_\_\_\_\_ is a fir tree – an \_\_\_\_\_ tree, a symbol of life. New Year trees are put \_\_\_\_\_ and outside houses a few days before the holiday. But in shops, at schools, universities, in offices – practically everywhere – New Year trees and multicoloured lights are \_\_\_\_\_ up long before the holiday. It fills people with joy of the coming holiday, which is the most beautiful and happiest holiday of the year. This fairy tale will last till the middle of January, when the decorations will be \_\_\_\_\_ down.

On New Year's Eve everybody \_\_\_\_\_ up till midnight. The New Year is \_\_\_\_\_ in with a lot of enthusiasm, with new hopes and new wishes. People talk, eat and drink, play board games, sing karaoke and watch television. Then a few minutes before \_\_\_\_\_ the President's New Year Message is shown on TV. As soon as the clock starts \_\_\_\_\_ midnight, sparklers (бенгальские огни) are lit and a wish for the New Year is thought of. At this moment there are small and large \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky. People wish each other good health and good \_\_\_\_\_ for the coming year. At this moment they show that they really \_\_\_\_\_ about each other.