

# Candle-lite

Leesburg and Cincinnati

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**Location:** The rural Highland County village of Leesburg is home to Candle-lite's candle manufacturing facility, but the company offices are in suburban Cincinnati.

**Provenance:** Once the nation's primary pig processing center, Cincinnati was a booming "porkopolis" when English immigrant Thomas W. Emery took advantage of the city's abundant supply of meat byproducts and started the Emery Lard Oil & Candle Company in 1840. His sons — Thomas and John — later built Emery Industries on the triple foundation of candles, real estate development and construction. The Emery family continued making candles until 1952, when Al Levinson and John Margo bought the business, changed the name to Candle-lite and moved it to Leesburg. In 1972, Candle-lite became a division of Columbus-based Lancaster Colony Corporation.

**Significance:** Candle-lite is the oldest candle company in the U.S., and after 174 years, it still makes all of its candles in Ohio. The company has developed product lines suited to the present-day preference for using candles primarily for fragrance and home décor. Offering hundreds of different fragrances and colors, Candle-lite is known for its comprehensive assortment — including high-quality jar candles, tea lights, votives, pillars and tapers.

**Currently:** The company's Leesburg factory can make 2 million candles per day, and its best-selling item is a pack of 50 unscented white tea lights that consumers find handy for everything from warming food to setting a mood. New in 2013 are Candle-lite's Rustic Autumn collection of "Caramel Delight," "Pumpkin Harvest" and "Apple Cider" candles as well as holiday candles like "Vanilla Cookie" and "Pine Branch."

**It's a little-known fact that:** Bargain hunters can find first-quality Candle-lite products at reduced prices during spring and fall warehouse sales at the Leesburg facility (the next sale will be Oct. 24-26).

For more information about Candle-lite, its products, retailers and warehouse sales, call 513-563-1113 or visit [www.candle-lite.com](http://www.candle-lite.com). The Candle-lite plant and warehouse sale site is 250 Eastern Ave., Leesburg, OH 45135. The Candle-lite outlet is Factory Direct West, 6252 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211; 513-662-8616.



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