

In 1762, Irish soldiers in the British army had a St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. That started a custom.

St. Patrick's Day is not a statutory holiday, except in Ireland. But many people in North America celebrate it by wearing green, the Irish color. They say everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

In some large cities, there are St. Patrick's Day parades. Many people celebrate the day at bars with friends.



You may see decorations shaped like shamrocks, a plant that's a symbol of Ireland. You'll also see pictures of leprechauns, creatures from Irish myths.

You may want to wear something green.