

HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY TIPS

Tree Safety

- Consider an artificial tree; they are much safer.
- If buying a real tree, select only fresh trees that are deep green in color, have a strong scent of pine, and do not easily lose their needles.
- Keep holding stand for real trees full of water. Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.
- Do not rely on chemical sprays to make a tree flame resistant.



Electrical Safety

- Buy and use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, cracked sockets, broken or loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors. Do not overload electrical outlets. Keep the use of extension cords to a minimum.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you are leaving home or before going to bed.



Candle & Fireplace Safety

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books, and curtains.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of children's reach.
- Burn only dry wood in the fireplace.
- Never burn Christmas wrapping paper in the fireplace. The paper burns too hot and too fast and could cause a fire in the chimney.

