



Fire Safe Fall and Winter Holidays

For many of us, the fall and winter holiday season is a magical time to celebrate with decorations ranging from the simple to the extravagant. Getting the home ready for the holidays can also significantly raise the fire safety risk, so please decorate safely.

Use battery operated flameless candles whenever possible, but if you must have a traditional candle please keep them away from anything that can burn. Only use candles in non combustible holders that are stable enough to not tip over, and blow candles out before you leave the room



Make the switch to low energy cool LED lights for your holiday decorating plans

Limit the use of extension cords, and never run cords in areas where they can be damaged like through doorways, under carpets, or by stapling them to the walls. Never overload your circuits with multiple things plugged in at once.

Keep your Christmas tree green all season. Make a fresh cut on the trunk before you place it in a sturdy and stable stand that will hold at least a day's worth of water. Check it twice a day for water, and remove the tree from your home as soon as it starts to dry out. Locating your tree away from heaters and vents will help it stay green longer.



Keep things like natural materials, plastic, or combustible decorations, away from things that can get hot like fireplaces, woodstoves, heaters, and appliances.

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