

Winter Holiday Fire Safety



Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- ✓ Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- ✓ Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- ✓ Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- ✓ If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

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