

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY RULES FOR WINTER HOLIDAYS

1. Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard any of this equipment that you deem unsafe.
2. Check labels on lights to make sure they are safe for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outdoors.
3. Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension.
4. Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when leaving home or at bedtime.
5. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The entire tree could possibly be charged with electricity.
6. Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations; they present the hazard of electrical shock.
7. Always dispose of wrappings in a metal container. Do not burn wrappings in a fireplace. It may cause a flash fire.
8. Do not rely on coatings or sprays to make your evergreen decorations flame resistant.
9. Check your tree for freshness, color and scent. Be sure that the needles do not readily fall off.
10. Place your tree away from heating sources and out of traffic.
11. Mount trees in a sturdy water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water while tree is indoors.
12. Never use lighted candles on a tree or other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders.
13. Purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets.
14. Avoid decorations that tend to break easily or have sharp edges.
15. Do not purchase ornaments that resemble candy or food. A small child may try to eat them.
16. Keep matches, lighters and candles out of reach of small children.
17. Avoid smoking near flammable decorations
18. Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothes or gowns around open flames.
19. Check your smoke detectors.