Fire Prevention Bureau

Holiday Decorations

Decorating for the winter holidays is fun but can lead to tragedy if you don't practice fire safety. Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep electric lights, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree from creating a tragedy.

- Don't place your live Christmas tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent.
- Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- Use only nonflammable decorations.

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Have an enjoyable and safe Holiday Season.