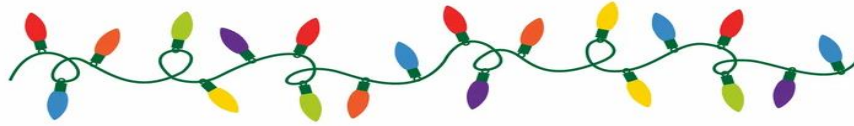


Holiday Decorations



No more than **3** strings of lights per extension cord. Make sure cords are not frayed or broken.

Check the labels of older decorations. Some older tinsel is lead-based. If using angel hair, wear gloves to avoid irritation. Avoid breathing in artificial snow.

Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

If using a ladder, be extra careful. Make sure to have good, stable placement and wear shoes that allow for good traction.

Turn off all holiday lights when going to bed or leaving the house.

Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.



Fire Safety For a Safe Christmas

December is the peak month for home candle fires. If you're decorating with candles this holiday season, consider using the battery-operated kind.

If you must use candles, keep them away from anything that could burn, and place them out of reach of pets and children.



Your fireplace is only as safe as how you use it.

- Only burn the fuel that your fireplace or unit is designed to burn.
- Only burn properly-seasoned firewood in your wood-burning fireplace.
- Never burn other items such as trash and clothing. This will create a fire hazard, a ventilation problem, and will add to the creosote particle buildup in your flue.
- Don't light the fireplace if hanging stockings or other decorations on the mantel.



STAY SAFE FROM HOME FIRES

Help keep your family safe by testing your smoke alarms monthly.

Practice your home fire escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to leave a burning home before it's too late.

See that each family member knows what to do.

