

Happy
Holidays

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From our
Countryside
Fire Protection
District family
to yours,
please make it a
point to include
safety as part of
your holiday
traditions.

Best wishes for a
safe & joyous
holiday season!



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**WINTER
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SAFETY**



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Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- * Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- * Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- * Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- * Stay in the kitchen when cooking something on the stovetop. Unattended cooking equipment is one of the leading causes of home cooking fires.
- * Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- * Provide large, deep ashtrays if you allow guest to smoke in your home. After a party always check ashtrays and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

Holiday
Safety
Against
Fire

IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HOLIDAYS FREE FROM DISASTER!

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- * Never use lighted candles near trees, curtains, drapes or near any potentially flammable items. Battery-operated candles are more safe to use.
- * Choose decorations that are flame retardant or flame resistant.
- * When choosing lights, make sure to read whether they are for indoor or outdoor use.
- * When connecting string of lights never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights. Also, read all manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands that can be connected together. More than three lights may not only blow out a fuse, but can also cause a fire.
- * When displaying a fresh tree, keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly. Dry trees can be a serious fire hazard.
- * Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.
- * Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.
- * Do not overload electrical outlets.
- * Protect cords from damage. Cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into doors or windows, placed under rugs or placed near heat sources; nonetheless, attached by nails or staples.

Did you know...

Almost half of all home decoration fires are started by candles & half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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