



Have a Fire-Safe Holiday Season

The use of holiday decorations such as Christmas trees, garlands, electric lights and candles can increase the incidence of holiday fires.

Following a few simple fire safety tips can help ensure that you and your loved ones have a fire-safe holiday season:

— **Holiday Lighting:**

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

— **Candle Care:**

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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