

Holiday Fire Safety Tips from the Boston Fire Department



TREE SAFETY

Keep your tree in a sturdy base.

Keep container filled with water.

Place the tree away from heat sources.

Never use candles as decorations.

Use only fire retardant decorations.

Artificial trees should have a fire retardant label.

NEVER leave a lit tree unattended.

NEVER use a cut tree in a public place of assembly (apartment or hotel lobbies, restaurants, etc.)

NEVER burn candles near evergreens on a mantelpiece or a table. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous. Dry evergreens burn like tinder, and flames can flare out of control sending sparks flying about a room.



LIGHTS

Purchase UL approved lights.

Check all indoor and outdoor lights for frayed cords, broken plugs, sockets and replace if necessary.

Lights should not touch flammable materials.

Do not overload electrical outlets.

Follow instructions when using extension cords.

NEVER use candles on trees, near live or other flammable decorations.

Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening or leaving the house.



TRIMMINGS

Keep flammables away from heat sources.

NEVER burn wrappings or trees.



CANDLES

Put candles securely in non-tip candles holders. Keep candles well away from Christmas trees, decorations, curtains and other combustibles and never put candles in windows or near exits.

NEVER leave candles burning unattended or within the reach of small children and blow them out before you leave the room or go to sleep.