

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

Picking the tree

KKK Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



Placing the tree

KKK Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.

KKK Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

KKK Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

KKK Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



Lighting the tree

KKK Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

KKK Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.

KKK Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

KKK Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ❗ **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ❗ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ❗ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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