

SafetyTIPS from Assistant Fire Marshal Doug Jones

An information resource for citizens

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Winter Holiday Fire Safety

There is no place like home for the holidays. A few simple steps will keep your home safe for your family and guests for this holiday season.

TREE SAFETY

- Never use candles as decorations.
- Keep tree away from heat.
- Never place a tree in front of an exit door or in a pathway leading to an exit.
- Water a cut tree daily.
- Use a "non-tip" style tree stand.
- Use only fire retardant decorations.
- Never leave a lit tree unattended.
- Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holiday before needles dry out.
- Artificial trees should have a fire retardant label.

KEEP THE SEASON BRIGHT...WATCH THOSE LIGHTS!

- Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening or leaving the house.
- Blow out candles before leaving the room.
- Don't leave candles burning unattended.
- Purchase lights and electric decorations which are listed by an approved testing agency.
- Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, sockets, etc.
- Never overload outlets. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord.
- Never use candles on trees, near live or other flammable decorations.
- Never hang lights on a metallic tree.
- Always use appropriate weatherproof lights outdoors.