

Holiday Safety Tips



Trees:

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check your tree for freshness, Remember:

- A fresh tree is green
- Fresh needles are harder to pull from branches.
- When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break

Place trees away from fireplace, radiators and other heat source. Heated rooms will dry trees out rapidly creating a fire hazard.

Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Keep tree stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

“Snow”

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels, and follow directions. Fire resistant sprays are Recommended, to be done by a state fire marshal approved installer.

For more info regarding fire safety during the holidays please contact Inspector Sid Chacon at the City of Selma Fire Department 559.891.2211

Lights:

Indoors or outside, use lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these lights by the label from an independent testing laboratory.

Check each set, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires should not be used or repaired.

Use no more than three standard-sized lights per single extension cord.

Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short out and start a fire.

Candles:

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Always use non-flammable holders.

Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, tree and/or electrical connections.