

HOLIDAY DECORATION AND TREE SAFETY

While holiday decorations and trees are delightful sights and cheerful reminders of the festive season, they can also be fire hazards. Please take the following precautions to minimize hazards.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- Do not obstruct exits or exit signs with a tree or decorations.
- Do not obstruct or hang decorations on fire alarm pull stations, sprinkler heads, fire extinguisher cabinets, smoke detectors, alarm strobe lights, or any other building safety device.
- Do not place combustible decorations near a source of heat. Never use candles or open flames.
- Only use UL approved lights and electrical components. Always unplug lights when leaving the area for an extended period of time.
- All decorations must be flame/fire retardant. Natural vegetation must be sprayed with a fire retardant material.
- Use UL approved surge protected electrical strips. Do not use temporary extension cords. Do not plug surge protector into another surge protector.

TREE SAFETY

- Make sure the tree is securely mounted in the stand and will not tip over.
- Artificial trees must have the UL label.
- Cut trees must be sprayed with a fire retardant material. Fire retardant spray can be found on the internet, and local department stores.
- Maintain the tree stand with at least 2 inches of water above the cut of tree. If a tree becomes dry, remove it immediately.
- Cut and live trees require watering often so do not leave live or cut trees unattended for extended time periods.
- Dispose of trees properly at the end of the season.

If you require additional information or assistance please contact EH&S, at 561-297-3129.