Holiday Decorating Safety

Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances of fire. Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep your holiday season safe and enjoyable.

**Lighting Safety**
- Inspect lights for frayed wires, bare spots, & broken or cracked sockets
- Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory
- Don’t link more than three light strands
- Make sure to periodically check the wires – they shouldn’t be warm to the touch

**Candle Safety**
- Never leave a burning candle unattended
- Keep candles in stable holders & where they can’t be easily knocked down
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles

**Plant Safety**
- Select fresh, healthy plants and don’t put them out too early so that they’ll last
- Keep all plants well-watered throughout the holiday season
- Keep plants away from heat sources like candles, fireplaces, or heaters
- Dispose of plants safely, take them to a recycling center or picked-up by a service

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