

IN THE RIGHT *light*

DECORATE YOUR HOME SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

According to the National Fire Protection Association, **860 home fires** caused by holiday decorations occur **each year**. An additional **210 home fires** are caused by Christmas trees per year. Follow these steps to ensure you decorate your home safely during the winter holidays.



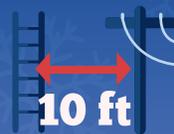
Make sure all **extension cords and electrical decorations** are marked for **proper use**



Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by **ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs)**



Inspect all lights, decorations, and extension cords **for damage before using**



Exercise caution when decorating near power lines. Keep yourself and your equipment at least **10 feet from power lines**



Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations **before leaving home or going to sleep**



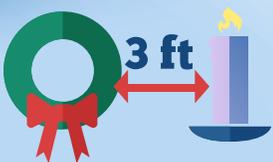
Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can **overheat and cause a fire**



Never connect more than **three strings of incandescent lights** together



Water your Christmas tree **daily**



Keep all decorations at least **3 feet away from heating equipment or an open flame**



Purchase electrical decorations from reputable retailers and that are approved by a national recognized testing lab such as **UL** (Underwriters Laboratory), Intertek (**ETL**), or Canadian Standards Association (**CSA**)

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