

# 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.



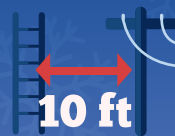
Make sure all **extension cords and electrical decorations** are marked for **proper use**



**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**



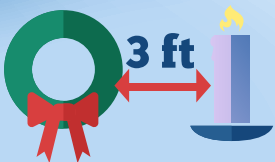
**Avoid overloading electrical outlets** with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can **overheat and cause a fire**



**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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