Contact your local fire department.

Fire never takes a holiday

This Christmas, follow these simple tips...

and keep fire from ruining this most joyous time of year.

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Follow these tips for a happy, fire-safe holiday!

- Choose a freshly cut tree.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk before placing in the stand.
- Keep tree from blocking halls, stairs and exits.
- Keep away from heat sources, sparks or open flames.
- Avoid “octopus” connections and overloaded circuits.
- Disconnect lights at bedtime or when unattended.
- Use wire or nylon cord to secure tree to the wall or ceiling to keep it from being tipped over by children or pets.
- Make sure a smoke detector is installed nearby.
- Check and replace worn or damaged light sets or wires.
- Use only non-combustible decorations.
- Use only U.L. or F.M. approved lights; only spot or floodlights on artificial trees; and NO CANDLES!
- Remove discarded packages and wrappings from the house immediately. Never burn wrappings in a fireplace or woodstove—it could cause a chimney fire.
- Trees need water; check and refill often.
- If the tree dries out, take it down and remove it.