

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Taking precautions for a disaster-free holiday!

TREE SAFETY

Here are some Christmas tree fire safety tips so you can avoid a similar event like Clark Griswold's doomed tree in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

- Ask the tree vendor to cut off about 2" of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption.
- Don't let your pets (Snot) drink the water from the tree stand to avoid the tree drying out.
- Keep your tree at least three feet away from radiators or fireplaces (and Uncle Lewis).
- Check to be sure that your artificial tree is labeled "fire resistant."
- Be sure you have properly secured your tree.

HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY

Stapling yourself to your home like Clark Griswold is not in your best interest, here are some tips for safely decorating your home.

- It may be tempting, but do not use furniture to stand on to hang decorations.
- Keep your fragile ornaments up high where children or animals (or squirrels) can't reach.
- Keep the candles on a level surface and be sure to blow them out when leaving or at night.
- Hang your decorations and stockings away from the fireplace.

HOLIDAY LIGHT SAFETY

We all love a heavily decorated home, but we can be smarter than Clark Griswold and decorate safely.

- Use indoor lights **INDOORS**.
- Use outdoor lights **OUTDOORS**.
- Always turn off your holiday lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Replace light sets that have broken sockets or frayed wires.
- Hang indoor lights in dry areas.
- Do not overload wall sockets with extension cords or adapters (or we will call you Clark).

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY VACATION

