

# Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

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## **Water trees**

Water real Christmas trees every day – at minimum

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## **Clean dryer lint traps**

Clean dryer lint traps after each use. Clean the pipe from the dryer to the exterior every six months

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## **Use Cords Properly**

Avoid overloading extension cords for Christmas lighting, only use exterior cords outside, and don't hook too many strings together.

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## **Surge Protection**

Use power bars with surge protection, not the 3-1 and 6-1 outlets that are not protected.

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## **Check Lighting and Cords**

Check Christmas lighting and extension cords for frayed areas.

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## **Be mindful of heat sources, fire starters**

Do not place Christmas trees too close to heat sources and other flammable materials.

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## **Maintain Smoke Alarms**

Ensure smoke alarms are operational and replace the batteries every six months. Replace the alarms every 10 years.

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## **Charge on Solid Surfaces**

Mobile phones and other electrical devices should never be charged on, or in, beds – only on solid surfaces.