HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Don’t let a preventable fire take the joy out of your holiday season. Protect your family and home this winter by following a few simple safety tips.

Candles
- Consider using flameless candles to reduce holiday fire risk.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from decorations, curtains, or other material that might catch fire.
- Always use fire-resistant candleholders specifically designed for candle use.
- Place candles on stable, heat-resistant surfaces where they can’t be easily knocked over.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms or other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Extinguish all candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.

Lighting and Decorations
- Indoors or out, use only lights that have been approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before using.
- Replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulb.
- Don’t overload electrical outlets with too many lights or decorations.
- Never plug more than three strings of incandescent lights together.
- Make sure all extension cords and electrical decorations are marked for proper use.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.