

PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES

Decorating



- *Use holiday lighting safely. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- *Turn off all your holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- *Only use decorations that are flame-retardant or not flammable.
- *Don't link more than three strands of holiday lights.
- *Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch fire easily.
- *Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, and space heaters.
- *Get rid of your Christmas tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Candles



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.

- *Think about using battery-operated flameless candles. These candles can look, smell, and feel like real candles.
- *Keep candles 12 inches away from things that can burn. Consider using flameless candles in your holiday decorations.
- *Place candles in a sturdy candleholder that will not tip over.
- *Never leave a burning candle unattended.

Heating Equipment



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.

- *Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- *Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet away from your home and any nearby buildings.
- *Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- *Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source.

For more fire safety information and the Village's rules regarding fireworks, open fires, and required monitored smoke detection systems, visit our fire safety webpage [HERE](#).

