

## 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

