



*battery-operated  
flameless candles*



*Keep your tree at least 3 feet away  
from heat sources.*



## Winter Holiday Fire Safety

*Nearly half  
of holiday  
decoration fires  
happen because  
decorations are  
placed too close  
to a heat  
source.*

**It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.**

- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders, and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

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