1. Keep decorations at least three feet away from heat sources – especially those with an open flame, like fireplaces and candles.

2. The best decorations are safe decorations, so when you’re decorating, make sure not to run cords under rugs or furniture.

3. If you have a natural Christmas tree, water it to keep it fresh and safe.

4. Always turn off your decorations when you leave your home and when you’re sleeping.

5. If you’re using extension cords or adapters that add receptacles, consider having a qualified electrician add more outlets to your home.

6. Only use electronics in dry areas. As tempting as it is, you just can’t decorate your aquarium with icicle lights.

7. Remember that phones and tablets should stay on your nightstand.

8. Every home needs a working smoke alarm in each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level, including the basement.

9. If you’re using a space heater, switch it off before leaving the room.

10. Inspect your decorations and discard any that are damaged or worn out.

11. Keep batteries stored safely in their packaging and out of reach from small children and pets.

12. The best gift for your family is an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter breakers or outlets. Many electrical fires that occur every year could be prevented by AFCIs.