

Naughty or Nice Holiday Safety List

As you make your lists and check them twice, here is one to keep your holiday celebrations safe and nice.

Naughty

- Never attempt to extend the length of an extension cord by connecting it with another extension cord. Use an extension cord that is long enough to meet your needs.
- Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords. Use the appropriate hardware to avoid damaging the wire insulation.
- Never run an extension cord under a rug or positioned so that it is pinched by furniture.
- Do not connect more than three incandescent holiday light strings together.
- Never decorate a tree that is in contact with a power line.

Nice

- Water your Christmas tree daily to keep it hydrated and reduce your risk of fire.
- Keep all decorations, including Christmas trees, at least three feet away from heating equipment or an open flame, such as a candle or fireplace.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations and heating equipment before leaving home or going to bed.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles (or portable GFCIs) to prevent electric shock.
- Always follow manufacturers' instructions and use products as they were intended regarding indoor or outdoor use.