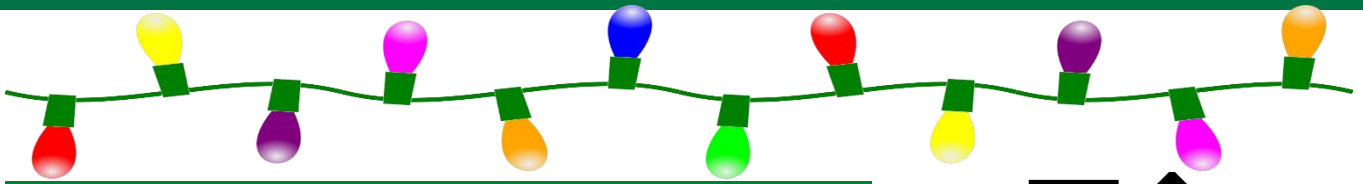


# Tis the Season



## Safety Tips for the Holiday Connoisseur

### OUTDOOR

- ☐ Make sure to use appropriate Christmas lights rated for either indoor or outdoor use
- ☐ Inspect your lights before handing, ensure bulbs are replaced and internal conductors are not exposed
- ☐ Before install, verify how many light strings can be connected to one another
- ☐ Inspect yard decorations and ensure proper operation
- ☐ ALWAYS INSPECT YOUR LADDER BEFORE USE
- ☐ Use a correctly sized ladder appropriate for the task, extend the ladder past the roof and ensure the ladder is positioned on a flat surface
- ☐ Use 3-point contact on a ladder and have a secondary person accompany you by observing or holding the ladder
- ☐ Wear appropriate winter gear
- ☐ Turn off Christmas lights / yard decorations when away from home.



### INDOOR

- ☐ If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure to routinely water it, as this will decrease the chances of the tree drying out and becoming a fire hazard
- ☐ Keep any exposed flames, like candles, away from the tree and children away from sources of heat or flame
- ☐ Keep small ornaments away from children, any object small enough to fit through a toilet paper tube can obstruct their airway.
- ☐ Mistletoe, holly berries and poinsettias are toxic when ingested and should be kept out of reach from children
- ☐ Avoid overloading your electrical circuits, use power strips with built in circuit breakers
- ☐ Turn off all Christmas lights before bed

