




2019

December

Holiday Fire Safety



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Purchase electric holiday lights that are listed by an approved testing agency such as UL. | 2 Natural trees should be given a fresh cut at the base before placing it in a stand. | 3 Water your Christmas tree daily. Dry trees are a fire hazard. | 4 Do not overload outlets. Test all lights before using them for decorations. | 5 Decorating? Keep all decorations away from heat sources. Watch out for trip hazards. | 6 Turn off all decorations before leaving the house or going to bed. | 7 Use battery operated candles.  |
| 8 Matches and lighters are tools, not toys. Keep them out of reach from children in a high cabinet. | 9 Candle Safety Day Burn candles within a 1-foot circle of safety. | 10 Keep Elfie the Elf on the shelf away from anything that can burn.  | 11 Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying embers from falling on the floor. | 12 Replace batteries in smoke or CO alarms unless they are the 10-year sealed alarms. | 13 Teach small children to stay 3-feet away from the stove. Take 3 giant steps. | 14 Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, not extension cords or power strips. |
| 15 Make and practice your home escape plan. | 16 Give space heaters space. Keep combustibles 3-feet away. | 17 Always extinguish candles after use. | 18 Put ashes from wood stoves and fireplaces in a metal container and place outside. | 19 If staying in a hotel for the holidays bring a working CO alarm with you. | 20 Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Never leave cooking unattended. | 21 Make sure all house guests know your escape plan. |
| 22 Hanukkah begins at sundown Blow out all candles in the menorah before leaving the room. | 23 Turn pot handles in when cooking. | 24 Christmas Eve Blow out candles and keep Santa stockings away from any flame. | 25 Christmas Day Dispose of wrapping paper in bags instead of burning them in the fire place. | 26 Kwanzaa begins Keep a lid nearby while cooking. Put a lid on stove top fires. | 27 Turn off the tree before leaving the house or going to bed. | 28 Keep toys organized so a family member or guest doesn't fall. |
| 29 Remember to turn off space heaters before leaving a room or going to bed. | 30 Remove your tree soon after the holidays. | 31 New Year's Eve Make a resolution to have a fire safe year | As the weather stays cold, be aware of thin ice. Consider skating in a rink to be safe.  | | Give the gift of safety: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and escape ladders. | |