



Helpful hints to keep your home safe this holiday season:

- Use power strips with surge protectors instead of extension cords
 - Use decorative lights that bear the label of an independent testing lab
 - Replace any worn or damaged strings of lights
 - Always unplug lights when leaving or going to bed
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- Keep live Christmas trees watered
 - Promptly remove dried Christmas trees and store them away from your home until you can dispose of them
 - Make sure your artificial tree is flame retardant
 - Keep trees away from fireplaces
 - Put candles securely in non-tip holders and keep them away from Christmas trees, decorations, curtains and other combustibles
 - Never leave candles unattended or within the reach of children or pets
 - Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, including walls, and always shut them off when leaving or going to bed
 - Never burn wrapping materials in your fireplace
 - Make sure you have working smoke detectors on every floor of your home. Test them to be sure