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Holiday Season Decorating Tips

Remember to always follow district guidelines when it comes to decorating your rooms or hallways.

- We recommend fire resistant artificial trees due to allergies, asthma, and risk of fire. Make sure they have the UL listing to ensure electrical safety.
- Always position trees away from fireplaces, radiators, and portable heaters, and out of the path of travel.
- Never pick up broken glass ornaments with bare hands — wear cut-resistant gloves or use mechanical device such as tongs or a broom and dustpan.

Lights:

- Look for the UL label before hanging lights.
- Use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors.
- Inspect lights before hanging them for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections. Replace/repair any damaged strings of lights.
- Never nail, tack, staple, or place stress on the wires.
- Turn off lights and unplug extension cords before going home every day.

Extension Cords:

- Position extension cords against the wall to avoid tripping hazards.
- Never run cords in front of or under doors, rugs, or furniture so they don't become abraded.
- When connecting several strings of lights to each other, always follow the manufacturer's recommendation as to the maximum number connected together.

Ladder Safety:

- Never stand on a chair, table, or other furniture to reach high places — use a step ladder with slip-resistant feet.
- Always face the ladder when climbing — grip the rungs and keep your hips between the rails.
- Use a tool belt, hand line or other system to raise/lower items as needed so you can maintain 3 points of contact with the ladder at all times, i.e., 2-hands and 1-foot or 2-feet and 1-hand.
- Always post warning signs and lock or barricade the door if using a ladder near a doorway.
- Never stand on the top step of a step ladder or top 3 rungs of a straight, single or extension ladder.
- Avoid leaning or overreaching while working on a ladder — move the ladder closer to the work.



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