

Fire Safety Tips for Natural Christmas Trees

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow very large quickly. The following tips will ensure you have the freshest—and the safest—tree possible:

Picking the tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, heaters, candles or lamps.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily if needed to keep the trunk submerged.



Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- Remove the tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Dried out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed against the home.
- Never burn a tree in the fireplace or a woodstove.
- After the holidays, keep your tree in a secure location before collection day to prevent arson or vandalism. ❄ ❄ ❄

RECYCLE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:



Year-round

AT THE Napa Recycling & Composting Facility
AND Devlin Road Reuse & Recycle Center

During Dec & Jan

AT THE Napa Payment Center, 592 Lincoln Ave