



NJ STATE FIRE MARSHAL HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY FACTS

THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE



SELECTING YOUR TREE:

- Needles should be hard to pull back and the trunk, sticky to the touch.
- The old bang it on the ground test for freshness always works, if too many needles fall off the tree, it will become a fire hazard when in dry household heat.



CARING FOR YOUR TREE:

- **DO NOT** place near any heat source, fireplace or heating vent.
- **DO NOT** keep your tree up for any longer than two weeks.
- Water. Water. Water, your tree. Most tree stands have containers. Keep it filled.



DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE:

- **NEVER** put tree branches, needles or trunk in a fireplace.
- **NEVER** dispose of your tree anywhere else but at your recycling center or curb.
- If the tree has become dry prematurely, discard it immediately.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



- Inspect lights you re-use for exposed copper, frayed wire, bare spots, kinked sections, gaps in the rubber or plastic insulation or cracked or broken sockets.
- Only use UL approved strands. Check for white label on strand
- Follow manufacturer's indoor/outdoor use guides.
- **DO NOT** overload electrical outlets.
- Only use construction grade extension cords for outdoor lighting.
- **NEVER** leave any lighting on when you leave your home.

HOLIDAY DECORATION



- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame retardant. Look for label.
- Keep away from heat source.
- Use battery operated candles as opposed to live flame candles.
- If you opt for live flame candles place them on stable surfaces. Put them out when you go out.
- **NEVER** place gift wrappings in a fireplace or cast iron stove for disposal.