

Tree Safety throughout the Holiday Season

Joseph Parish



Nothing kills the holiday spirit more than a fire tragedy taking place in the home. Most of these situations result from careless oversights with Christmas tree safety. The most overlooked and simplest remedy for tree fires is to keep your holiday tree well-watered. In fact, you should water it every day while you have it up. Dry and uncared for holiday trees can catch fire from a number of causes from a short within the electrical lights to lit holiday candles or lighters left nearby.

Although statistically speaking Christmas tree fires are not a common problem however, the U.S. Fire Administration relates that they are more likely to be the most serious disasters.

Before your Christmas tree becomes an issue follow these important tips:

Place your tree far away from sources of heat and exits locations.

Be sure to use only those decorations that are rated fire resistant.

Inspect your lights for any worn wires or other defects prior to using them.

Always keep an eye on your tree lights and be sure to turn them off at night.

Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times and never let the tree dry out.

In the event that the tree becomes dry you should promptly remove it.