



HOLIDAY PREVENTION CAPSULE

The Township of Low Fire Department would like to inform you of a few tips to help you reduce the risk of fire and enjoy a safe holiday season.

Christmas tree

- Choose an artificial tree because it is less likely to catch fire than a natural tree
- If you prefer a natural tree, select a freshly cut tree, whose needles do not shed easily
- Cut the trunk at an angle and place it in a container of water. The new cut will help the tree absorb moisture.
- Water it on a daily basis. A tree that dries out can catch fire quickly and easily.
- Install the tree more than 1 m away from all heat sources (electric baseboard, fireplace, etc.).
- Unplug the Christmas lights when you go to bed or leave your home.
- Place your tree away from busy areas and exits.
- After the holidays, dispose of your tree. Don't store it indoors, in the garage or near the house. Don't burn it in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.

Decorative Lights

- Choose lights that are certified by a recognized organization such as the CSA or ULC.
- Examine your lights before installing them and discard any that are defective, desiccated or cracked.
- Never pull on the cable to disconnect the lights. It could be damaged and cause a fire. Hold the plug firmly.
- Never overload the electrical system and make sure your replacement bulbs have the same voltage as the old ones.
- Use a timer or always unplug your decorative lights when you leave home or go to bed.
- Do not use decorations designed for indoors outdoors, and vice versa.
- Make sure your outdoor decorations are in good condition: winter conditions can damage them.



- Hang your garlands of lights with insulated tape. Do not use nails or tacks.
- Keep connectors away from metal gutters and off the ground.
- After the festive season, bring in outdoor lights to prevent damage from the weather and sun. Decorative lights are not designed for long-term use.



Thank you for celebrating safely!