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Holiday Fire Safety



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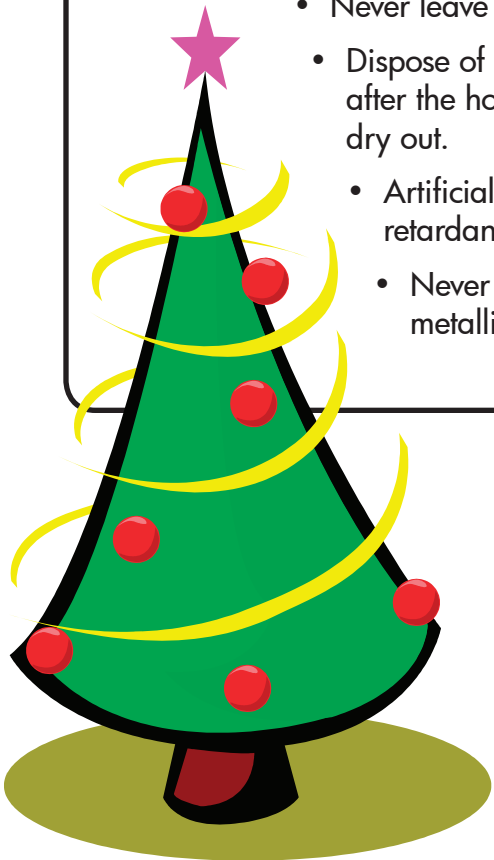
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TREE SAFETY

- Never use candles as decorations.
- Keep trees away from heat.
- Never use a cut tree in a place of public assembly (apartment or hotel lobbies, restaurants, etc).
- Water a cut tree daily.
- Use a “non-tip” style tree stand.
- Use only fire retardant decorations.
 - Never leave a lit tree unattended.
 - Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holiday, before the needles dry out.
 - Artificial trees should have a fire retardant label.
 - Never hang lights on a metallic tree.



BRIGHT LIGHTS

- Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening or leaving the house.
- Purchase lights and electric decorations which are listed by an approved testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, sockets, etc.
- Never overload outlets. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord.
- Never use candles on trees, near live or other flammable decorations.
- Blow out candles before leaving the room. Don't leave candles burning unattended.
- Consider buying new energy efficient LED lights that don't get as hot.
- Always use appropriate weatherproof lights outdoors.

