



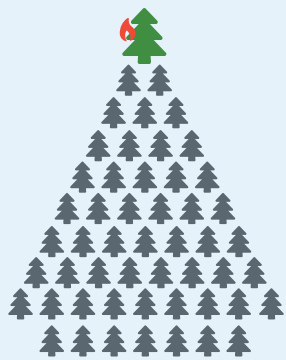






Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <p>More than half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	 <p>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	 <p>The top 3 days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve.</p>
 <p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	 <p>Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.</p> <p>On average, 1 of every 52 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.</p>	 <p>A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 winter fires.</p>
 <p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	 <p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	 <p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>