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Holiday safety tips from the Summit Fire Department

SUMMIT, N.J., December 21, 2021 – The City of Summit Fire Department is sharing some safety tips from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

- Be sure to inspect lights before installation and dispose of light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read manufacturer instructions for the maximum number of light strands that can be connected.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles. When using lit candles, ensure they are stable and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything flammable. Candle fires occur most often on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- Ensure trees are at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, and heat vents.
- Water Christmas trees daily and dispose of trees when they become dry. This [video](#) from the National Institute of Standards and Technology shows how quickly a dry tree can catch fire.

For more information, please visit www.usfa.fema.gov or www.nfpa.org, or contact the Summit Fire Department at 908-277-1033.

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