



Mutual Aid Agency

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Holiday Safety

From all of us at MAA, we hope you have a wonderful and memorable Christmas with family and friends. Below are a few tips to help keep your home and family safe during this holiday season.

Tree Safety

- When picking out a real tree, make sure the tree is not too dry. A fresh tree will be green, and the needles should be hard to pull from branches. It is time to get rid of the tree when the needles begin to fall off.
- Freshly cut trees need a lot of water so check the water level and refill often.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is made of fire-resistant material.

Decorations and Light Safety

- Do not overload electrical sockets by plugging too many cords into a single outlet.
- Never connect more than three strings of lights together.
- Replace older strings of lights with LED lights, which do not get as hot.
- If you are putting lights up on the exterior of your home, make sure they are labeled for outside use.
- Check cords for exposed wires.
- Be sure to turn off lights when you leave your home or go to bed.

Kitchen Safety

- Do not leave the stove unattended when cooking.
- Keep flammable items away from stove burners.
- Use a meat thermometer to make sure that food is thoroughly cooked and safe to eat.

As a reminder, our office will be closed Thursday, December 23, Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31.