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When decorating trees, always use safe tree lights.

Never use electric lights on a metal tree.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use the lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.

Never use lit candles to decorate a tree; place them well away from tree branches.

Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily.

Do not purchase a tree if it is dry or dropping needles.

Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to flip over.

When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled flame retardant.

Be sure to keep a watchful eye on children around Christmas trees so they do not play with wiring or lights.

Be sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.

Dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage.