



Graham Fire & Rescue

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Dangers to children:

Teach children to stay away from candles, fireplaces, and heaters.

See that matches and lighters are out of the reach of children.

Avoid loose flammable clothing. Clothing often catches fire around candles, matches, fireplaces, and stoves.

Trees

Use only freshly cut trees.

Fill water each day.

Place tree away from heat sources.

Use non-flammable decorations.

Tree should not block exit.

Lights

Make sure all lights are labeled by a testing laboratory.

Replace any worn sets or those with loose connections, frayed wires or other defects.

Use labeled outdoor lighting.

Do not overload outlets.

Never put lights on a metal tree.

Mini lights are safest because they produce less heat.

Avoid using extension cords.

Candles

Do not use in display with decorations.

Never place near combustibles.

Extinguish all candles before leaving home.

Never leave unattended.

Fire Place

Have your chimney professionally inspected and cleaned.

Always use a fire screen.

Only burn materials designed for a fireplace, never paper.

Put fireplace ashes in metal containers and store them away from your home.

Never use gasoline or diesel fuel to start a fire.

Beware of Poisons

Holly –3-4 berries can cause sickness: 15-20 can be deadly

Mistletoe- 2-3 berries can be deadly.

Poinsettia – Eating the leaves is mildly toxic.