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It's that time of year and the City of Deltona Fire Department would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. With that in mind your Firefighters want to stress the importance of fire safety during this festive time of year. With a few simple tips you and your family can enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

Christmas tree Safety

- Make sure that you buy a fresh tree that's not shedding its needles.
- If you use an artificial tree, be sure it's flame retardant and inspect the lights for any damage.

Decorative lights

- Make sure that all your exterior lights, extension cords and outlets are weather proof and UL approved and in good condition.
- Remember not to overload outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways or near heaters.

Candle Safety

The National Fire Prevention Association reports that on the average a candle fire is reported in the home every **34 minutes**.

- Consider using battery operated candles. With today's technology these candles can look, smell and feel like the real thing.
- NEVER leave a burning candle unattended and keep children and pets away from them. Make sure that before you leave a room, your home or go to bed that you blow out the candle.

Fireplaces

- When using the fireplace this season and throughout the winter months keep the fires small and always use a fire screen to keep sparks and embers from flying into the room.
- Never leave the fire unattended and keep children and pets away from the fire.
- Lastly, remember as with candles that you completely put out the fire before leaving your home or going to bed.

By following these simple holiday safety tips, you and your family can have an enjoyable and safe holiday. The City of Deltona Fire Department wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. For more information contact the Deltona Fire Department at (386)575-6921.