



2019

December

Holiday Fire Safety



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Purchase electric holiday lights that are listed by an approved testing agency such as UL.	2 Natural trees should be given a fresh cut at the base before placing it in a stand.	3 Water your Christmas tree daily. Dry trees are a fire hazard.	4 Do not overload outlets. Test all lights before using them for decorations.	5 Decorating? Keep all decorations away from heat sources. Watch out for trip hazards.	6 Turn off all decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.	7 Use battery operated candles. 
8 Matches and lighters are tools, not toys. Keep them out of reach from children in a high cabinet.	9 Candle Safety Day Burn candles within a 1-foot circle of safety.	10 Keep Elfie the Elf on the shelf away from anything that can burn. 	11 Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying embers from falling on the floor.	12 Replace batteries in smoke or CO alarms unless they are the 10-year sealed alarms.	13 Teach small children to stay 3-feet away from the stove. Take 3 giant steps.	14 Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, not extension cords or power strips.
15 Make and practice your home escape plan.	16 Give space heaters space. Keep combustibles 3-feet away.	17 Always extinguish candles after use.	18 Put ashes from wood stoves and fireplaces in a metal container and place outside.	19 If staying in a hotel for the holidays bring a working CO alarm with you.	20 Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Never leave cooking unattended.	21 Make sure all house guests know your escape plan.
22 Hanukkah begins at sundown Blow out all candles in the menorah before leaving the room.	23 Turn pot handles in when cooking.	24 Christmas Eve Blow out candles and keep Santa stockings away from any flame.	25 Christmas Day Dispose of wrapping paper in bags instead of burning them in the fire place.	26 Kwanzaa begins Keep a lid nearby while cooking. Put a lid on stove top fires.	27 Turn off the tree before leaving the house or going to bed.	28 Keep toys organized so a family member or guest doesn't fall.
29 Remember to turn off space heaters before leaving a room or going to bed.	30 Remove your tree soon after the holidays.	31 New Year's Eve Make a resolution to have a fire safe year	As the weather stays cold, be aware of thin ice. Consider skating in a rink to be safe. 