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## News Release

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### **Holiday Safety Tips from the Summit Fire Department**

SUMMIT, NJ, December 2, 2024 – The City of Summit Fire Department is sharing safety tips for an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

- Inspect lights before installation and dispose of light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read manufacturer instructions for the maximum number of light strands that can be connected.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Choose holiday decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles. When using lit candles, ensure they are stable and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything flammable, and never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Candle fires occur most often on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- Ensure trees are at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, and heat vents.
- Water Christmas trees daily and dispose of trees when they become dry. This [video](#) from the National Institute of Standards and Technology shows how quickly a dry tree can catch fire.

For more information on the Summit Fire Department, please visit [cityofsummit.org/fire](http://cityofsummit.org/fire).

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