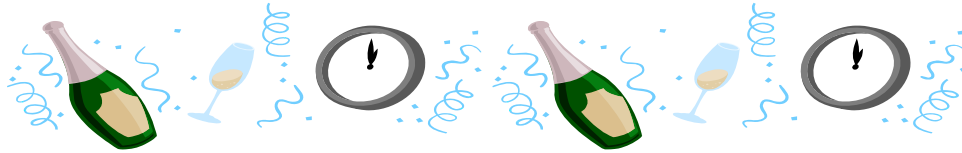


Fire Never Takes A Holiday!

Learning basic fire prevention facts and taking simple precautions can make all of your holiday celebrations safe and memorable.

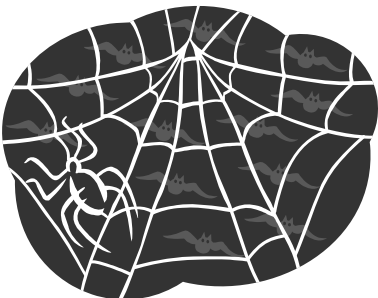


Happy New Year:

- At a party, check to be sure the exits are clear.
- NEVER let friends drink excessively. Alcohol affects judgment and coordination.
- Check under furniture and cushions for smoldering cigarettes.
- Follow safety guidelines when using fireworks. Better yet, attend a public display operated by professionals.

Independence Day - Fireworks:

- Check to be sure local laws permit private fireworks celebrations
- Adults should supervise the use of fireworks
- Sparks and smoldering embers from fireworks can start fires. Have water nearby for emergencies.
- Never use fireworks in neighborhood backyards or other crowded areas.
- Always light fireworks one at a time.



Halloween:

- Costumes and decorations should only be made of flame-retardant materials. Avoid loose, flammable clothing.
- Each mask, wig and costume must be easily seen at night.
- Use battery-powered lights for jack-o-lanterns, not candles.
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat, such as exposed bulbs and open flames.



Thanksgiving:

- Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven
- Keep kitchen clutter and loose clothing away from the stove heat.
- Turn pot handles in, away from a child's reach.
- Use pot holders to prevent burns.
- NEVER throw water on a grease fire. Instead, cover the burning pan with a lid.
- Keep all appliances in good working order.
- Never overload electrical outlets. Unplug appliances when not in use.
- NEVER leave cooking food unattended.
- Keep Thanksgiving decorations away from sources of direct heat.

Christmas:

- Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh. Shedding needles is a sign of a dry tree.
- Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water.
- Make sure artificial trees are flame-retardant.
- NEVER smoke around the tree or flammable decorations.
- Place trees away from direct sources of heat.
- NEVER place a tree so that it blocks an exit.
- Only buy electric lights that are approved by a national testing lab.
- NEVER decorate metal trees with electric lights.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed.
- NEVER run electrical cords through doorways and under rugs.
- Keep candles in sturdy holders and never place them near combustibles, such as curtains.
- Avoid hanging stockings near an open flame.
- NEVER burn paper in a fireplace. This is a major cause of chimney fires.

