

The Seagoville Fire Department wishes everyone a happy holiday season and presents the following fire safety tips for the Christmas Holidays:

PRACTICE TREE SAFETY

- Natural trees should be fresh.
- Cut the base at a 45-degree angle and place the tree in water.
- Check the water level daily.
- Use only UL-approved lighting.
- **Never** use candles, even on artificial trees.
- Place the tree away from heat sources such as the fireplace.
- Dispose of the tree properly and promptly after the holidays.



PRACTICE ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Use only UL approved lighting.
- Use only approved outdoor lights for outside displays.
- Examine light strings and extension cords, replace if damaged.
- Never use indoor extension cords for outside applications.
- Avoid overloading wall outlets and cords.
- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of wet places.

HAVE A SAFE FIREPLACE

- Have your fireplace cleaned professionally on a regular basis.
- Burn only approved materials designed for a fireplace.
- Follow directions on artificial logs, never more than one artificial log at a time.
- Never burn paper products in the fireplace.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container and remove them outside of the house.
- Ashes that appear cool may still cause a fire.
- Always use a fire screen.



USE CARE WITH CANDLES

- Do not use candles on trees, natural or artificial.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Make sure candles are out of reach of small children.
- Do not place candles near curtains or close to other combustible materials.

GIVE FIRE SAFETY GIFTS TO THOSE YOU LOVE

Show someone you really care by giving them a smoke detector, home fire extinguisher, flashlight, safety ladder, or other safety items.
