

# Christmas Tree Safety

Is all your Christmas shopping done? Is your tree up? Is your tree real or artificial? Regardless if the tree is real or artificial, it can burn if not properly maintained. Follow these easy tips to make your tree fire safe:

## Real Tree Precautions

1. Make a fresh cut on the trunk and place it in water within 6-8 hours.
2. Place it in a stand capable of holding the tree securely.
3. Check the water level daily and replenish as needed to maintain the water level at the bottom of the tree trunk. (One quart for each inch of stem diameter.)
4. Display tree away from heat sources that could cause the tree to dry out.
5. Use only listed lights that produce low heat.
6. Use only flame retardant decorations.
7. Never use candles on a tree.

## Artificial Tree

1. Use low watt light bulbs made for indoor decorating only.
2. Never use outdoor lights on indoor trees
3. Artificial trees are manufactured with plastic which can melt when exposed to excessive heat
4. Read the labels. Trees may be labeled fire resistant, but that does not mean they are fireproof.
5. Use only flame retardant decorations.
6. Never use candles on the tree.
7. If your tree comes with lights attached make sure it is UL listed.