



# Holiday Safety Guidelines

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## Holiday Safety Guidelines

### I. Purpose

The following information provides fire safety guidelines for holiday decorations on campus. Your cooperation will help make this a safer holiday season for all.

### II. Holiday Trees

Live trees are prohibited in all Residence Halls and large assembly areas (such as auditoriums, concert halls, gymnasiums, libraries, banquet halls, etc.). Live trees are allowed in other selected campus buildings. If allowed, the following guidelines must be followed:

- 1) Natural cut trees shall have the trunk bottoms cut off at least 0.5 inches above the original cut and placed in a support device.
- 2) Support devices shall:
  - x Hold the tree securely, in the upright position, and on a level floor to avoid tipping.
  - x Be capable of containing a minimum 2-day water supply
  - x Water level shall be maintained above the fresh cut and shall be checked a minimum of once daily.
- 3) The tree shall be removed from the building whenever the needles begin falling off.

Trees shall be kept at a minimum distance equal to or greater than the height of the tree from heat vents, any open flames, or heat-producing devices.

Artificial decorative trees must be flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

The list of unlisted electrical wiring and lighting on natural cut trees and artificial decorative vegetation is prohibited. The use of electrical wiring and lighting on artificial trees constructed entirely of metal is prohibited. Electrical wiring and lighting shall have a UL marking.

### III. Candles

Open flames (including candles and incense) are prohibited in residence halls and residents' rooms. Candles and open flames shall not be used on or near decorative vegetation.

Candles are permitted in non-residence halls but please be mindful of campus fire safety policies and procedures that may require a permit.

#### IV. Electrical Lights

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