

Holiday Safety Tips

It's time for holiday decorations and lights. Remember these safety tips as you decorate:

- Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them.
- Remember: LEDs don't just use less energy, they also run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.
- Never mount or support light strings in a way that could damage the cord's insulation.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before turning in or leaving home.



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Ways to Save this Holiday Season

During the holiday season, it is common to experience an increase in electric use. Between baking, cooking, holiday decorations, and visitors – it's hard to cut back. Below are tips for an energy efficient holiday season:

- **Use your kitchen wisely.** In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal because you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees. Your meal will cook just as quickly.
- **Heading out of town?** Remember to unplug electronics such as TVs, gaming consoles, chargers, and DVD players which use energy when plugged into an outlet – even when they're not in use.
- **Keep it cozy without turning up the heat.** When your guests arrive, you can turn down the thermostat a few degrees. Why? Because a room full of warm bodies will naturally get warmer.

