



BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

The holiday season is here, and for many homeowners, that means decking the halls—and homes—with festive lights and decorations. While holiday lighting adds beauty and charm, it's important to ensure safe electrical practices to prevent accidents and ensure a stress-free celebration.



Use the Right Lights for the Right Job

- Ensure outdoor lights are labeled for exterior use and are weather-resistant.
- Avoid using indoor-only lights outside to prevent electrical hazards.
- Consider switching to LED holiday lights, which use less energy and produce less heat, making them safer for extended use.

Inspect Lights Before Hanging

- Check for frayed wires, broken sockets, or missing bulbs. Replace damaged strands immediately.
- Test all lights before installation to ensure they work properly.
- Remove lights and decorations soon after the holidays to avoid weather damage or fraying wires that could pose a risk for future use.



Avoid Overloading Outlets

- Use power strips with surge protectors and avoid plugging too many light strands into a single outlet.
- Follow manufacturer recommendations for the maximum number of connected light strands.

Secure Cords Safely

- Keep extension cords off walkways and away from water.
- Never run cords under rugs or through windows/doors, which can cause damage or overheating.
- Use a timer.

