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## Monthly Safety Tip For Multi-Family Housing

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# Holiday Safety

As the Holiday season approaches, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue wants to encourage you to take prevention measures to ensure you have a safe and happy celebration.

### Candles

Place candles in a sturdy stand, away from flammable items. Trim wicks to 1/4 inch before burning. Always extinguish candles before going to bed or leaving your apartment.



### Christmas Tree

To select a fresh tree, check the needles; they should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. If the needles fall off easily, the tree is too dry.

Make a fresh cut on the base of the tree before placing it in a tree stand with water. WATER DAILY and do not let the water drop below the base of the trunk.

Place your tree away from heat sources and dispose of your tree by recycling it through a civic group or recycling center. Never burn it in a fireplace.

### Holiday Lights

Use only UL-approved lights. Inspect your strands for frayed or exposed wires, or excessive kinking before using. Plug the light strands in for a short time to ensure the wires are not warm to the touch. Use only miniature lights on your tree and do not link more than three strands together (unless the manufacturer indicate it is safe). Connect your light strands to an electrical power strip with a **surge protector** (helps avoid a fire by 'tripping' the power strip if the circuit is overloaded). If your lights are flickering or the circuit breaker 'trips' reduce the number of light strands on that circuit.



### Decorations

Keep flammable decorations away from open flames like candles and fireplaces. Never burn wrapping paper in the fireplace due to its extreme flammability.

Check your smoke alarm to ensure it is working in case of fire!

**Happy Holidays from our family to yours!**

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