

Deck the Halls Safely

From our Friends at Safe Electricity

Whether you are inside or outside this holiday season, remember these important decorating safety tips:

- When decorating outside, always remain at least 10 feet away from power lines.
 Only use lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations rated for outdoor use.
 Ensure outdoor outlets or extension cords are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCl's).
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords. Use plastic or insulated hooks to hang lights.
- Never string more strands of lights together than recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not alter a three-pronged plug to be used in a two-pronged outlet or extension cord.



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Cook Up Energy Savings This Holiday Season

The holiday cooking season is upon us. Here are four quick tips to help you save energy!

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- · Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.
- When running the dishwasher after the meal, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting.

