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### Holiday Quarantine Fun Ideas

*Send holiday cards to family and friends with family pictures.*

*Look at old family photos with your kids or create new family photos.*

*Make or create a new traditional family meal.*

*Zoom with family or friends and play trivia or bingo.*

*Help your kids put on a show and show it to grandparents or friends via Zoom.*

*Create a holiday scavenger hunt in your home.*



*Happy Holidays from all of us at Ventura Management  
Chris, Joni, Sharon & Jean*

### **Holiday Decorating Safety Tips**

The holiday season is here! We all love to celebrate the holidays with colorful decorations and lights. While we're all busy decorating, safety may be one of the last things on your mind. To ensure you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season, here are some tips to keep in mind as you deck out your home:

**Keep live trees away from heat sources.** Place your tree away from fireplaces and heaters, and keep a fire extinguisher near your tree. Live trees are highly flammable, due to needles and sap.

**Hydrate your tree.** A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been properly watered. Check the water level every other day to ensure proper hydration. Starting with a green tree is one way to keep it from drying out so quickly

**Fake it!** If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.

**Don't burn wrapping paper in the fireplace.** Paper can catch fire very quickly and can cause flash fires. Instead, recycle (or better yet, reuse!) your wrapping paper.

**Work as a team.** When stringing lights and decorations above your normal reach, make sure you use a proper ladder with someone supporting the base

**Double-check your lights for safety.** Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.

**Power down before you turn in.** Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short that could start an electrical fire.

**Prevent electrical cord damage.** Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks or insulated staples instead.

**Secure candles.** Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.

**Skip the fake food.** Avoid decorations that look like candy or food if you have young children — or pets — in the house.

**Beware of poisonous plants.** While festive, poinsettias are poisonous when eaten, so keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

**Welcome to  
Ventura Management!**

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- Riddhi Khatri**
- Edward Tsai**
- Cesar Lopez**
- Evelyn Reinoso**

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**Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!**

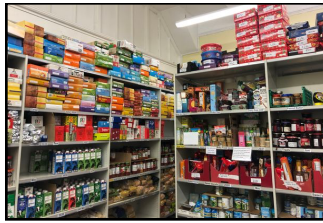


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**Donate To A Local Food Bank**



Today, 1 in 6 people in Ventura County are struggling with food insecurity. These are your friends and neighbors. Concerns about job security, health issues, and the increasing cost of living affect everyone within every socioeconomic class, race, age group, and gender. Children suffer most, along with families and seniors who

are having trouble making ends meet. Please consider donating to one of the many food banks in Ventura County. Here are a few:

**Manna**

Manna is a Conejo Valley Food Bank helping people from Camarillo to Calabasas and is located in Thousand Oaks. Please visit their website for hours and instructions on how you can donate.  
[www.mannaconejo.org](http://www.mannaconejo.org)

**Food Share**

Food Share of Ventura County is a member of Feeding America, Located in Oxnard, they distribute millions of pounds of healthy food every year through their own programs such as FOOD Share and Friends mobile pantry, Senior Brown Bag Program, and Kids' Farmers' Market. Please visit their website for hours and instructions on how you can donate.  
<http://www.foodshare.com>

**Project Understanding**

Getting back on your feet is instrumental to leading a happy and healthy life. Project Understanding is structured to help people in need make it through tough times by assisting with Food, Housing and Tutoring. Empowering yourself to be self-sufficient can be achieved with focus, work and understanding.  
<http://www.projectunderstanding.org>

**December Quote:**

***If 40 is the new 30 and 50 is the new 40  
then why can't Thursday be the new Friday?  
... Anonymous***

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