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Ventura County Events

10th Annual Ventura County Farm Day

November 5th 10am

More than 20

participating farms

venturacountyfarmday.com

Ventura Wine & Food Experience

November 12th 1pm - 4pm

Must be 21 to attend

Camarillo Hangar

Camarillo Airport

Simi Valley SnowFest Arts & Crafts Fair

November 6th 10am - 3pm

Rancho Madera Community

Park - Family fun!

Santa Claus Parachute into Jann's Marketplace

November 25th

12pm - 3pm

Thousand Oaks

Santa Paula

Keep Your Home Safe During The Holidays



The holiday season is here! It's easy to get caught up in the festivities, and while you're busy decorating the house, safety may be one of the last things on your mind.

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission there were 15,000 injuries related to holiday decorations

every year. Mishaps send about 250 people to the ER daily, with falls, cuts and back strains topping the list of injuries. To ensure you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season with your friends and family, here are 12 tips to keep in mind as you deck out your home:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Fake it!

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Double-check your lights for safety.

Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.

Welcome to Ventura Management

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7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Secure candles.

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

10. Use unbreakable ornaments.

If you have fragile ornament, place them out of reach from pets and kids.

11. Skip the fake food.

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

12. Beware of poisonous plants.

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

13. Keep flammable items safe.

Indoor lights should not touch drapes, furniture or carpeting. Keep lit candles away from flammable items, too.



By taking the proper precautions both inside and outside of your home, you can prevent hazards and focus on friends and family during the holidays. Don't forget to periodically check lights and decorations throughout the season to ensure they continue to operate safely.

Happy holidays!

November Quote:

It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have.

.... Mr. Rogers

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