Christmas Trees-
• It is recommended that you purchase an artificial, fire-proof tree
• If you buy a real tree, make sure it is as fresh as possible, not brown, no needles falling etc.
• Put a fresh diagonal cut, about an inch off the bottom, so water will flow through. Place in a secure base and keep water or wet sand in the base or use products designed to keep trees fresh
• Make sure the tree is far enough away (at least 3 feet) from any heat source (candles, fireplace etc.)
• NEVER try to burn the tree yourself in the fireplace to dispose of the tree.
• Dispose of your tree as soon as the season is over. Store your tree away from your home and allow for pick up

Lights-
• Make sure they are UL listed
• NEVER use more than 3 strands on a run (follow manufacturers instructions).
• Make sure there is no frayed wiring
• It is preferable to use smaller bulbs with less heat
• NEVER use the lights when you are not at home or when you are asleep. Purchase timers for extra security.

Fireplace-
• Use a screen at the base of the fireplace and a flash arrester at the top of the chimney to keep sparks off the roof
• NEVER use any paper or flammable liquids in the fireplace
• Make sure the damper is open before building the fire
• Use aged wood and an approved product designed for igniting a fire in the fireplace or a gas fired log lighter that has been installed by a licensed plumber and purchased through a reliable company

Holiday Driving Safety-
• According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on New Year’s Eve 2000, 40% of traffic accidents involved alcohol resulting in 32 fatalities.
• Be alert to possible drunk drivers especially during the hours of 10:00pm-4:00am
• NEVER drink & drive!
• Have a Designated Driver