



HOLIDAY AND WINTER FIRE SAFETY

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STAYING SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

As temperatures drop and Christmas decorations go up, Amherst County Administration along with the Amherst County Department of Public Safety and Building and Inspections encourage you to consider fire safety as you heat your home and decorate for the season.



DECORATING



- Choose a live tree with fresh, green needles, or use an artificial tree.
- Water fresh trees daily.
- Be careful not to overload outlets or extension cords.
- Blow out candles and turn off Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

COOKING AND BAKING

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Set timers when using the oven.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove, oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat



HEATING



- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from flames and heat sources.
- Turn off space heaters when you leave a room and before going to bed.
- Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home
- Have a 3 foot designated "Kid Free Zone" around open fires and space heaters

PLANNING

- Make a home escape plan and practice it during the day and at night
- Check the batteries in smoke alarms.
- Know at least two ways out of every room if possible.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed to slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.



The Amherst County Building and Inspections Department is here to answer any questions you may have. Give us a call at 434-946-9302