

# D'Iberville Fire Department Safety Tips

## **Subject: Holiday Fire Safety**

The Christmas holidays are a wonderful time of year but can also be a dangerous time of year. Christmas holidays bring more home parties, home decorating, cooking, and of course lower temperatures, which mean more home heating. Here are some tips to help you and your family, enjoy the holiday season safely.

- Do not leave food cooking unattended. Kitchen fires are one of the leading causes of home fires in the U.S.
- Parties are very common during the holiday season. Provide your guest with plenty of deep ashtrays. Cigarette butts can smolder in trashcans or on upholstery and cause a fire when you least expect it. Douse ashtrays with water before discarding. After the party always check on, between and under upholstery and in trashcans for smoldering cigarette butts.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- When decorating check for any damaged or frayed wires and use only UL approved lighting.
- Remember heater safety. Do not place heaters near combustible materials, and have you heaters checked yearly by a certified technician.
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