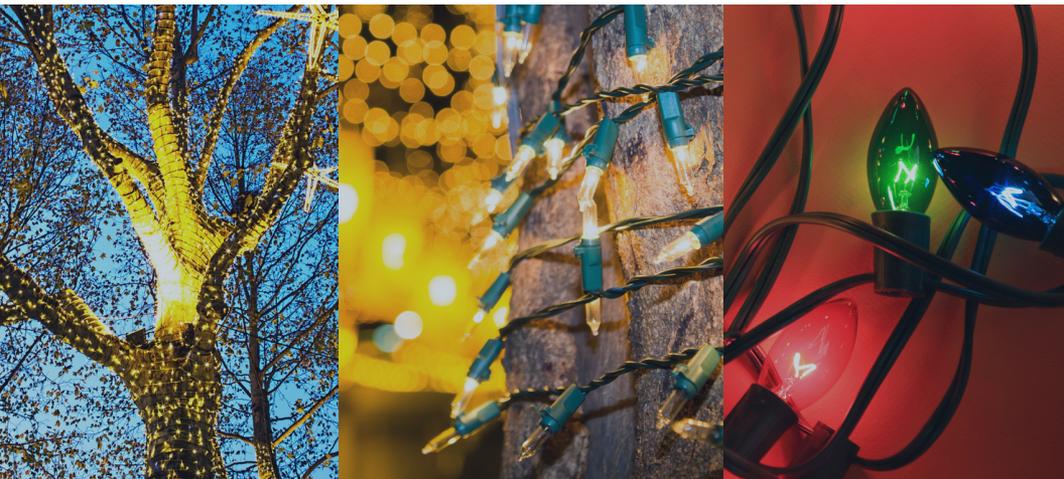




## 10 Tips for Safe Holiday Decorating!

- 1 Read the package instructions to make sure you're using the right light for indoor or outdoor use. Never exceed the recommended wattage.
- 2 Buy decorations with the mark of an accredited certification agency. Visit [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com) for a full listing.
- 3 Read the manufacturers' instructions for connecting. Usually no more than three light strings can be safely connected together.
- 4 Make sure bulbs don't touch supply cords, wires, cloth, paper, or other materials.
- 5 Use the proper clips for securing lights and decorations. Never use staples and nails—they can damage electrical cords!
- 6 Check for overhead powerlines before using a ladder outside or when hanging lights on trees.
- 7 Do not allow children to play with electrical decorations or cords.
- 8 Keep an eye on pets who may chew or damage electrical cords.
- 9 Turn off holiday lights and decorations when you go out or go to bed.
- 10 Take down decorations when the holidays are over. They aren't designed for year-round use and can deteriorate overtime.



# Your Holiday Checklist for Extension Cords, Plugs and Outlets

- Inspect and replace damaged electrical products.
- Avoid plugging too many decorations into an outlet. Overloaded circuits can start a fire.
- Use GFCI-protected receptacles to protect you from shock when plugging in outdoors.
- Make sure your outdoor receptacle has a special cover to help protect it against the elements, even when a cord is left plugged in.
- Never remove the third prong on plugs— this “grounding pin” prevents shock in the event of electrical equipment failure.
- Don’t run extension cords under carpets or rugs, through doorways, or in places where they can be damaged by furniture.
- Keep outdoor connections above ground and out of puddles; don’t run them across driveways or walkways.



Ensure lights and extension cords are approved for use in Ontario. Look for the mark of an accredited certification agency. See them all at [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com).

