

# Common sense keeps your Christmas merry

Herald Special  
Halton's firefighters have issued a plea to the citizens of the region - be extra careful to guard against a fire this holiday season.

Capt. Harold Penson of Milton, chairman of the Halton Fire Prevention Committee, has issued a Christmas tree safety checklist including several tips for homeowners.

"Most people should already know these, but they may have forgotten," Capt. Penson said. Follow these DOs and DON'Ts for a safe, fire-free holiday season:

-DO make sure you buy a fresh Christmas tree. Bend the needles - if they bend easily the tree is fresh; but if they are brittle and break easily, the tree is too dry.  
-DON'T put the tree up

in the house or apartment until a week before Christmas. Leave it outside or in a cool place until you are ready to put it up.

-DO make a fresh cut on the butt of the tree, an inch or two from the bottom. This will help your tree soak up moisture from the water reservoir.

-DON'T erect the tree near fireplaces, radiators, TV sets or any other source of heat or electricity. And never put a tree in a doorway or hallway, blocking an exit.

-DO use only CSA-approved lighting sets. Inspect them before use, look for frayed or damaged sockets.

-DON'T place any candles on or near your tree.

-DO provide a reservoir of water for the tree to feed from. Even with

the butt immersed in water, a good fresh tree may only stay green for a week or 10 days. Be sure you check the water level daily and add water as necessary.

-DON'T leave your children alone in the home for even a minute over the holiday season.

-DO decorate your tree with safe ornaments. Make sure there are no paper or other flammable ornaments near a light bulb. Shut the lights off when you leave or go to bed.

-DON'T run a lighting cord beneath rugs. Heavy traffic could damage the protective coating on the cord.

-DO keep children and small pets away from a tree.

-DON'T use strings of electric lights on a metal tree. Metal is a conduct-

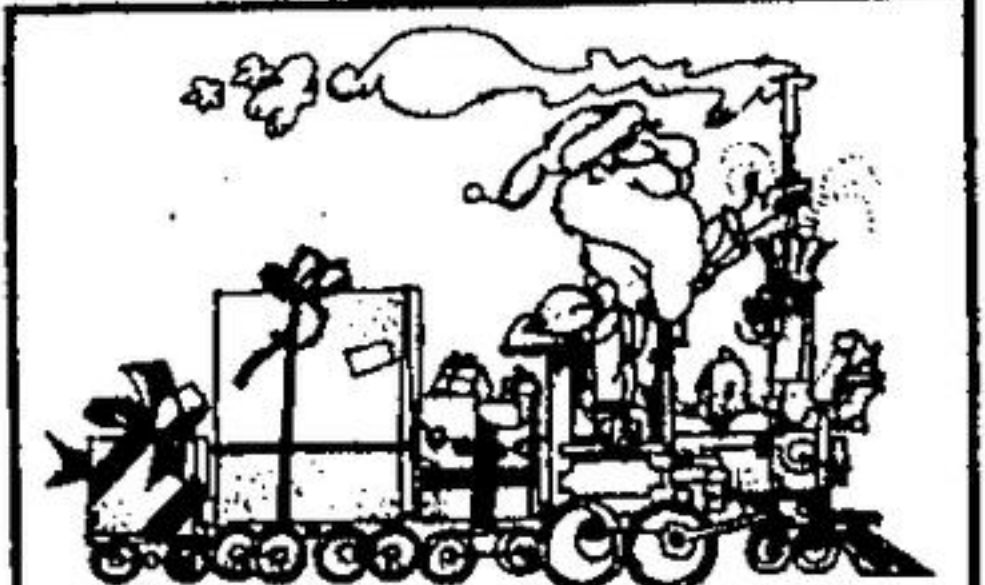
or of electricity. Use an off-the-tree spotlight if lighting is necessary.

-DO keep safety in mind on Christmas morning. Dispose of gift wrappings immediately and ban smoking when the gifts are being opened.

-DON'T forget to dispose of your tree as soon as possible after Christmas. The risk of fire increases with the dryness of the tree.

-DO keep in mind that a single match can ignite a dry tree and it can burn to ashes in only a few seconds.

-DON'T forget, fire never takes a holiday.



## Holiday Greetings

We know we're on the right track when we say, "Have a wonderful Christmas in every way... and thank you dear friends!"

FROM DAVE AND RICK  
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## Aid sought in UFFI cases

Town staff will see what it can do to help nine homeowners seeking tax rebates or cancellations for 1982 because they have urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) in their residences.

The nine missed an opportunity last year to apply for reductions in the assessed value of their home through the province's assessment review system. The review court in Burlington dropped the assessed value of homes with UFFI by 75 per cent to homeowners who applied for special consideration by last Jan. 11.

Five applications from Halton Hills were received by the court and the eventual drop in assessment meant a reduction in municipal property taxes of \$3,047.75.

(Now banned for household use in Canada, UFFI has been linked to illnesses suffered by residents of homes insulated with the substance.)

When word of the court's decision was released, the nine residents "realized they should have appealed their assessment", a treasury report to council says; they have now filed for tax reductions under a section of the province's Municipal Act.

While the treasury department says it doesn't feel the grounds for the residents' appeal are supported in the Municipal Act, council Monday night asked what help could be offered to the homeowners. Council is expected to review the issue early next month.

Under Section 696 of the Act, council may consider tax reductions, cancellat-

ions and rebates for a number of reasons including "gross or manifest error or extreme poverty", the report says.

Supported by a letter from the provincial attorney's office, the department argues that council "has no authority to deal with the applications in question".

One resident who appeared before council said UFFI has made his home valueless.

Action homeowner Ted Hilton explained that it will cost approximately \$150,000 to have the UFFI removed from his \$120,000 home.

Doctors, he commented, have said some health problems suffered by members of the Hilton family can be attributed to UFFI.

In 1983, the province plans to reduce assessment on homes with UFFI by 35 per cent regardless of whether homeowners have brought UFFI problems to the attention of provincial assessors.

Tax bills under this

arrangement are expected to drop by 25 to 30 per cent, the treasury department maintains. Homeowners may appeal the across-the-board 35 per cent reduction if they feel they are entitled to still greater decreases.

The five homeowners who received 75 per cent assessment decreases last year will see assessments rise to 35 per cent less the value of their homes without UFFI.

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