

## A Message from your Fire Chief...

Chief Vic Thorpe points out that tests have proved that the safest tree is a tree with its butt set in water. If a tree has dried out, however, before it is set up, it cannot regain its safe moisture level. A dry tree, he warns, can be ignited by a single match, to burn violently to a charred state in a few seconds.

So-called "flame-proofing" of natural trees, by spraying with chemical mixtures, is not a sure protection; and even artificial trees

**UP A TREE ABOUT CHRISTMAS?**

**HERE'S HOW TO MAKE YOURS FIREPROOF!**  
— SAYS BUSY BEAVER —

AVOID FRAYED CORDS, DAMAGED PLUGS

KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT

USE GLASS WOOL, ASBESTOS SNOW, FIREPROOF DECORATIONS

KEEP TREE IN REGULARLY-FILLED WATER CONTAINER

USE ONLY LIGHTING SETS BEARING THIS SEAL

CHOOSE A FRESH TREE, BEND A NEEDLE - IF IT BREAKS REJECT TREE ... IT'S TOO DRY

USE ONLY ON 15-AMP CIRCUIT

MAKE A FRESH DIAGONAL CUT AT BUTT

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present their own serious fire hazards. Metallic trees, because they are conductors of electricity, should never be decorated with strings of lights. If lighting is desired, it should be provided by floodlights set apart from the tree.

Some plastic trees, made from styrene materials, and those trees known as "Hon Kong" trees are flammable and may burn violently.

Never use candles on or near the Christmas tree, or in holders made of polystyrene foam.

Fire Chief Thorpe adds a final serious warning:

"Never leave small children unattended. This is even more important at a season when last-minute shopping, or visiting with friends, may tempt parents to relax their vigilance."

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