

Holiday Fire Safety

Candle Use:

- Lighted candles and open flames are NOT permitted.
- Battery operated candles shall be used for:
 - Religion reasons
 - Decoration.

Christmas Trees:

- Cut trees are NOT permitted.
- Artificial trees must have Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) approval ratings and be made of fire-retardant materials.
- Metallic trees are not permitted.

Holiday Lights:

- Holiday lights are permitted on WVU campus, based on the following criteria:
- Lights must have a UL or FM approval tag.
- The use of miniature or LED lights is encouraged as they are more energy efficient and remain cool.
- Check the lights and cords for frays and cracks before use.
- Turn off and unplug electrical lights and displays when unattended.

Hanging Decorations:

- Decorations and approved lights are permitted, but shall not obstruct smoke alarms or sprinkler systems, nor block any life safety equipment.

Space Heaters:

- Space heaters are permitted in University facilities, with the following conditions being met:
 - Space heaters must be listed and approved by an approved testing Laboratories, U.L., FM, or ETL
 - Space heaters must be thermostatically controlled that shuts off the unit when a certain temperature is reached
 - Space heaters must be protected with an automatic shutoff feature if the heater is knocked over.
 - Space heaters must be plugged into a wall receptacle with adequate supply of current for the heater.
 - Space heaters must be kept 3 feet away from any combustible material (paper, curtains, furniture etc.)
 - Space heaters may never be used in areas where hazardous materials (i.e., flammable materials) are used or stored.
 - Space heaters must be kept in good working condition with no frays or tears in the cord.
- Never leave an operating space heater unattended.