# Energy Partners

MERRY CHRISTMAS



# Be safe while holiday decorating

New-Mac offers tips for all members that are looking forward to a bright and safe home this season



New-Mac Electric wants you to be safe while getting into the holiday spirit this year inside and outside of your home.

For many, the holiday season comes with traditions of festive lights and decorations. Just be sure to take care of yourself and those you love by taking time to decorate safely and cautiously - without skipping any safety steps.

'Tis the season to be jolly and light up your home with the festive glow of holiday decorations! As you dive headfirst into the winter wonderland of twinkling lights and merry moments, New-Mac is here to remind you that safety should always come first.

Whether you plan to give the Griswold's a run for their money by lighting up the outside of your house or your intentions are on a house full of lights inside, here are some tips to keep you, your family, your home and your pets safe this holiday season.

## **Indoor Illumination Inspiration:**

- <u>Inspect Your Lights:</u> Before you unleash the holiday magic, give your indoor lights a once-over. Look out for frayed wires, broken bulbs and any signs of wear and tear. If in doubt, swap them out!
- Extension Cord Etiquette: Keep the cord chaos in check! Avoid overloading extension cords and power strips. Make sure extension cords aren't left plugged in for long periods. They should only be used temporarily

- around the home. Don't run extension cords under rugs, as this could overheat the cord causing damage to your rug or floor and creating a fire hazard.
- LED Love: Make the switch to LED lights—they're not just energy-efficient, but they're cooler than traditional lights.

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they are safer.

## **Outdoor Oasis of Light:**

- Always Look Up: When decorating outside, look up and look out. Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- <u>Choose a Nice Day:</u> Avoid decorating outside on windy or wet days. Choose to decorate in favorable weather conditions and during daylight hours.
- Weather-Ready Wonders: Ensure your outdoor lights are labeled for outdoor use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use them. Use plastic or insulated hooks to hang lights.
- GFCI Guardianship: Guard against shocks by plugging your outdoor lights into Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). These nifty devices trip the circuit if they sense an imbalance, protecting you and your festive display.
- <u>Elevation Elegance:</u> Keep outdoor lights clear of walkways to avoid tripping hazards. We want you decking the halls, not taking a tumble!
- <u>Use Tools the Right Way:</u> Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords, and do not attach anything to utility poles.

**Sparkling Tree Tips:** 

- <u>Choose Wisely:</u> If you're opting for a real tree, keep it hydrated! A well-watered tree is less likely to become a fire hazard. Plus, it keeps that holiday fragrance going strong!
- <u>Lights Out for Bedtime</u>: Give your tree a rest when you hit the hay. Not only does it save energy, but it also reduces the risk of a fire while you're catching those sugarplum dreams.
- <u>Location Matters:</u> Always place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other major heat sources.

Remember, safety is the gift that keeps on giving. Wishing you a season filled with joy, warmth and the comforting glow of well-lit decorations.





## Unclaimed patronage available for former members of New-Mac Electric

Names listed are former members of New-Mac Electric who have unclaimed past patronage with the Cooperative. You must contact the New-Mac office at 417-451-1515 within 60 days in order to claim your property. Properties listed fall within a defined monetary range. For an extensive listing of all unclaimed patronage, visit our website at newmac.com. More names will be published in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

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