



Code Outreach Program – Holiday Edition

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and fire safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) has prepared useful fire safety tips pertaining to candles, Christmas trees, holiday lighting, and other hazards commonly encountered this time of year. These safety tips and fire statistics can be obtained by clicking the links below.

- [Winter Holiday Safety Tips \(OFPC\)](#)
- [Holiday Candle Safety Tips \(OFPC\)](#)
- [Home Christmas Tree Fires Fact Sheet \(NFPA\)](#)
- [Home Structure Fires that Began with Decorations \(NFPA\)](#)

Please consider sharing this information with your community and encourage others to have a safe holiday season.

Natural Cut Trees

Code users should be aware that Section 806 of the 2015 International Fire Code (2015 IFC) contains provisions relating to decorative vegetation in new and existing buildings, including natural cut trees and artificial vegetation. Section 806.1.1 prohibits natural cut trees in certain occupancies, however, Chapter 7, Item 7.17 of the [2017 Uniform Code Supplement](#) (2017 UCS) modifies Section 806.1.1 by providing an additional exception to this requirement.

Please look for our next edition of the Code Outreach Program at the beginning of next month.

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