

# Holiday lighting and winter conservation tips

Liberty Utilities is suggesting the following electrical safety and conservation tips.

## Holiday lighting tips:

- Switch to safe, long-lasting, energy efficient LED holiday lights.
- Use a timer to reliably turn lights on and off.
- Don't overload your electric circuits.
- Stay within limits of your circuit breaker.
- Adhere to manufacturer's designations and locations for indoor vs. outdoor use.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs, around furniture legs, or across doorways.
- Avoid stringing more than three sets of lights together and plugging into a single outlet.
- Keep your natural trees well-watered to prevent bulbs from igniting dry branches.
- Never use electrical decorations on metal trees.

## Winter energy conservation tips:

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees when home, and then back to 55-68 degrees when unoccupied.
- Open window coverings on the sunny side of your home to take advantage of free heat from the sun.
- Close foundation vents.
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use, including your computer.
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils, underneath and in the back.