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Hint and Tip Number 5: Light Up Safely Over The Holidays

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Make Safety the first item on your holiday list this year. Thomas Edison Electric offers the following tips to help keep you and your family safe from electrical hazards during the holidays.

Choose The Right Lights For The Job

Light strings and other decorations are rated for indoor and outdoor use. Read the package instructions, and never exceed the recommended wattage.

Replace damaged electrical products such as cords, plugs and ornaments.

Avoid plugging in too many lights and decorations into an outlet. Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire.

Use GFCIs(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) outlets when plugging in lights outdoors. If you do not have GFCIs installed outdoors, contact Thomas Edison Electric to schedule an appointment to install them.

Extension Cords and Plugs

Avoid overloading circuits with plugs and extension cords. Doing this can create overheating and result in a fire. Fuses that frequently blow and circuits that trip can indicate too many items are connected to the circuit.

Don't run extension cords under carpets, through doorways or in a place where they can be damaged by furniture.

If you need more outlets installed or have your circuit breaker panel inspected, call the experts at Thomas Edison Electric. We want you and your family to have a very safe holiday season.

REMEMBER: Turn off holiday lights and decorations when you leave the house or go to bed.

