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# Green Guide to the Holidays



Protect your air quality and stay off the naughty list this year by incorporating these heating and holiday best practices into your seasonal routine!



**Staying Warm:** Install a programmable thermostat, and set your thermostat 8 degrees lower while asleep or away. You can save up to 12 percent in seasonal heating costs.



**Burning Tips:** Build an awesome, environmentally-friendly fire safely and efficiently.

Choose an EPA-approved wood burning stove or fireplace insert feature. Smoke from fireplaces can be a significant source of air pollution during the winter. Cleaner wood-burning stoves can reduce your fuel bill in addition to protecting your health.



Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood that has been split properly.



Never burn: garbage, leaves, cardboard, plastics, magazines, boxes, wrappers, driftwood, plywood, particle board, wood with glue, or wet, rotted, diseased or moldy wood.



Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling.



Build hot fires. A smoldering fire is not a safe or efficient fire.



**Light Up the House:** Decorating is fun for the whole family - but switch to ENERGY STAR-certified decorative LED Light Strings. They consume 65 percent less energy, last longer, and reduce the risk of fire.



**Gift Ideas:** If you plan on purchasing new electronics as gifts, look for ENERGY STAR-certified products. You'll use less energy and save money.



**Recycle that Wrapping Paper!** Recycle wrapping paper, greeting cards, and other household waste. According to the EPA, Americans throw away 25 million more tons of trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than during other times of the year.



**Recycle Your Christmas Tree Too!** An estimated 10% of Christmas trees in the U.S. end up in landfills. Look into a curbside pickup or tree drop-off program near you.



**Take Transit or Carpool:** Plan your holiday shopping trips with a friend or family member, and take the bus whenever possible.



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