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HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY TIPS

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The holidays bring a heady mix of hazards and delights. Here with a few safety tips to help your family make it to 2019, is Reporter Heather Clisby...

As we hang the lights and string the tinsel, the **San Bernardino Fire** Department wants to keep you and your family safe through the season with these tips:

If you are using a natural tree, make a fresh one-inch base cut to open up sap-clogged pores so that the tree will be able to drink water.

Choose a sturdy tree stand that will hold at least one gallon of water. Rinse the stand with one capful of bleach and one cup of water before installing the tree to reduce microorganisms that can inhibit the tree's water absorption. Be sure to water daily to avoid a seal being formed on the cut.

Double check light decorations and artificial pre-lit trees for broken or burned-out bulbs and empty sockets while inspecting for broken or frayed wires. Damaged light strands should be thrown out.

Remember, miniature lights produce less heat and reduce drying on a natural tree.

Place the tree away from heating vents, fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, TVs, or sunny windows.

Turn off tree lights when leaving the house or before going to bed.

Avoid overloading circuits—plug no more than three light sets into a single outlet.

Post-holidays, remove a natural tree as soon as possible.

Never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace; it burns too fast and may explode.

The best option is to recycle your tree, if possible.

<http://z1077fm.com/holiday-decorating-safety-tips/>

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Why didn't more protest fire tax?

Olivia de Haulleville from Yucca Valley, Hi-Desert Star

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Thanks to Red Brennnan Group, who attempted to sue over the fire fee/tax laid upon those of us living in the FP-5 zone — i.e. Yucca Mesa, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree plus most of the rest of San Bernardino County — but who apparently failed! Petitions for protesting this charge were handed out to all visitors of the Mesa Fest this year but it seems that not enough persons filled them out or sent them in to complain this October, since only 3.2 percent of affected landowners actually did!

Is that because we are all compliant in regards to paying an extra \$157.36 on our taxes yearly? OK (guess you have more money to spare than I do!). Or is there an astounding apathy prevailing in our “civilized” society!

So now ... y'all be prepared to accept the FP-5 special “tax” levies which will be applied to your 2019 tax bills!

EDITOR'S NOTE — A judge turned down the original plea, but the Red Brennan Group's lawsuit is ongoing.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/article_a4b1e4cc-f8ec-11e8-9662-d7e2b9f55c78.html