



Save With Holiday LEDs

Start a new tradition this holiday season by decorating your Christmas tree with Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs). By decorating with LEDs, you can save on energy costs and make it safer to keep your holiday lights on all season long. Here are some good reasons to use LEDs this holiday season:

Energy Efficient, Eco-Friendly

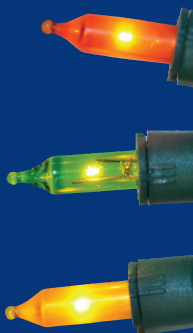
- A set of C9 LED lights uses 2.4 watts compared to the 167 watts used by a set of traditional C9 lights.
- An LED set of lights lasts up to 10 times longer (as many as 200,000 hours) than a conventional set of lights.
- If all seasonal mini lights were switched to LEDs, the electricity cost savings would exceed \$250,000 and carbon emissions could be reduced by 400,000 tons per year, according to the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Safer, Brighter

- LEDs are more durable and shock-resistant than conventional light strings because they don't contain filaments or glass bulbs that are easier to break.
- LEDs are brighter and cool to the touch – reducing the risk of fire. Christmas trees decorated with traditional lights can be a fire hazard, especially when the trees start to dry out.
- As with all Christmas lights, look for the UL label on the box and follow the directions so as not to overload a socket. Never use extension cords or light strings that are frayed, and never use a staple gun to hang outdoor lights.

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Make Sure Your Home Is Safe and Warm This Winter

This winter, make sure your home is safe from fire and other electric hazards. The safety checklist below will help keep you and your family safe and warm this winter.

Safety Checklist

- Keep flammable materials at least three feet from heating equipment including your furnace or portable heater.
- Make sure portable space heaters are turned off every time you leave the room and before you go to bed.
- Never place anything on top of a space heater.
- Purchase heaters with a "tip switch." These switches turn the heaters off if they are knocked over.
- Never use the oven or gas kitchen range to heat your home. This can damage the range and produce dangerous carbon monoxide gas.
- Teach small children to stay away from gas appliances.
- Cords should be placed away from traffic areas, but not under carpeting or rugs. In addition, they should never be nailed or stapled to walls, baseboards or other objects. Also, avoid resting furniture on cords.

Protect Your Home From Carbon Monoxide

Make sure your natural gas appliance has a blue flame or pilot light. A yellow or orange flame could mean that your natural gas equipment is not burning properly and could be creating harmful carbon monoxide. If the flame is not blue, call a licensed contractor to inspect your appliances.

If you or your family suddenly experiences severe headaches or feels nauseated, tired, dizzy or faint, get out of the house immediately and call 9-1-1 to report

the emergency and then call CPS Energy at **353-HELP (353-4357)**. You should also call this number if you suspect you have a natural gas leak. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but an odorant that smells like rotten eggs is added to natural gas to help detect leaks. If you think you smell natural gas, do not use a phone or flashlight, switch lights on or off, or light a match. Use a phone away from the house or building to call CPS Energy.

