



Holiday

Newsletter

Making Communities Jolly, Safe and Clean This Holiday Season!

As the winter holidays approach, CAL FIRE and Clean California have teamed up to share essential and practical tips to ensure apartments and homes are safe and communities clean. Let's work together for a wonderful and worry-free holiday season!

Holiday Fire Prevention

To keep your celebrations joyful and safe, CAL FIRE encourages every family to embrace these simple yet important precautions:

- If you're decorating your home with natural trees, wreaths or holiday plants, remember to keep them well-watered throughout the season. This simple step significantly reduces fire risk.
- Place festive and flammable displays away from heat sources such as candles, stoves, heaters and fireplaces. A little distance goes a long way toward preventing fires.
- Many popular electronic gifts, such as smartphones, toys and power tools, use lithium-ion batteries. When buying a product that uses lithium-ion batteries, be sure it has been certified by a nationally recognized test laboratory such as UL (Underwriters Laboratory), ETL (Electrical Testing Laboratories), or CSA (Canadian Standards Association). Certifications are usually found on the packaging of electronics to show the product meets important safety standards. This simple step will give you peace of mind and protect your loved ones from potential fire hazards.

Holiday Highlights

- Fire prevention tips
- Responsible disposal
- Battery Recycling



Keep Communities Clean

Once the festivities wind down, let's continue our commitment to a cleaner California and keep our communities safe and clean:



- When it's time to take down your natural holiday decorations, cut down into smaller pieces and dispose of them promptly in household organic waste bins or schedule for pick up and disposal through a local curbside service. This helps them be composted responsibly.
- Be mindful that lithium-ion batteries (found in many electronics) should never be thrown in regular trash or recycling bins. They pose a significant fire risk in waste facilities. Instead, be a recycling hero! Find a safe battery recycling location near you by visiting call2recycle.org. It's a small step that makes a huge difference for our environment and safety.

Join the Movement: Become a Clean California Community!

Ready to make a greater impact in the community? Join a community clean up or invite your local leaders and community organizations to pledge and earn a Clean California Community Designation! Those who pledge are part of a growing network of communities statewide dedicated to reducing litter, enhancing public spaces, and fostering a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant California for everyone. Let's build a legacy of cleaner and more beautiful communities together!

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy, and clean holiday season. Thank you for being an important part of our efforts to make California a wonderful place to live, work and play.