



# Holiday Fire Safety

Celebrate safely with these tips.



***Prepare • Respond • Impact***



### Kitchen Safety:

- Keep your eye on what you fry. Don't leave unattended.
- Lid nearby to cover pot, smother fire, if needed.
- Turn pot handles towards wall.
- Keep stovetop clear, no towels, paper or anything stored on or nearby.
- 3 ft zone around stovetop and oven should remain clear of children, pets or fall hazards.



Consider using flameless candles.

If you do use traditional:

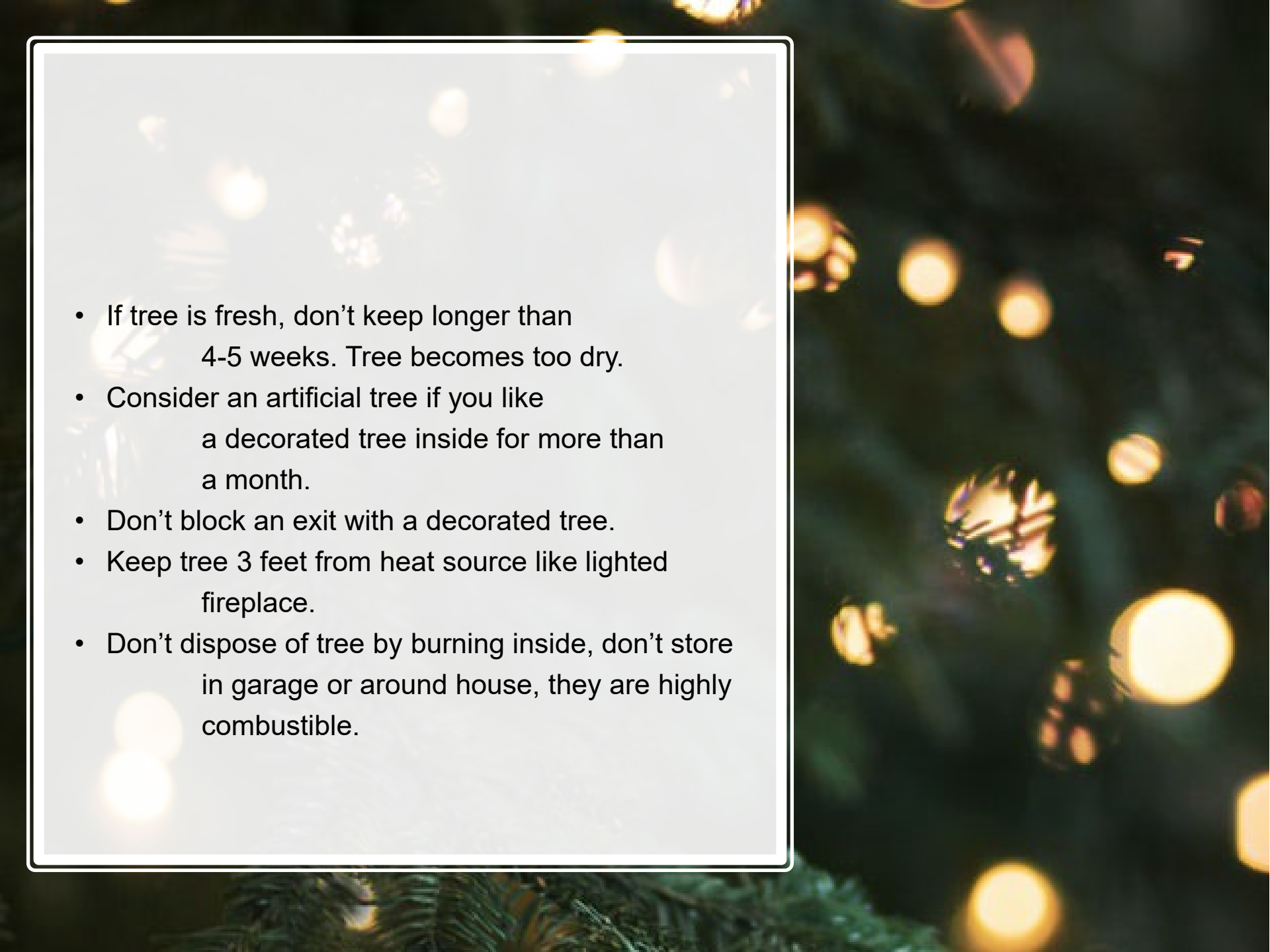
- Always be present when candle(s) is lighted
- Keep 12 inches away from flammable decorations
- Trim wick to control flame
- Keep matches in safe place away from children

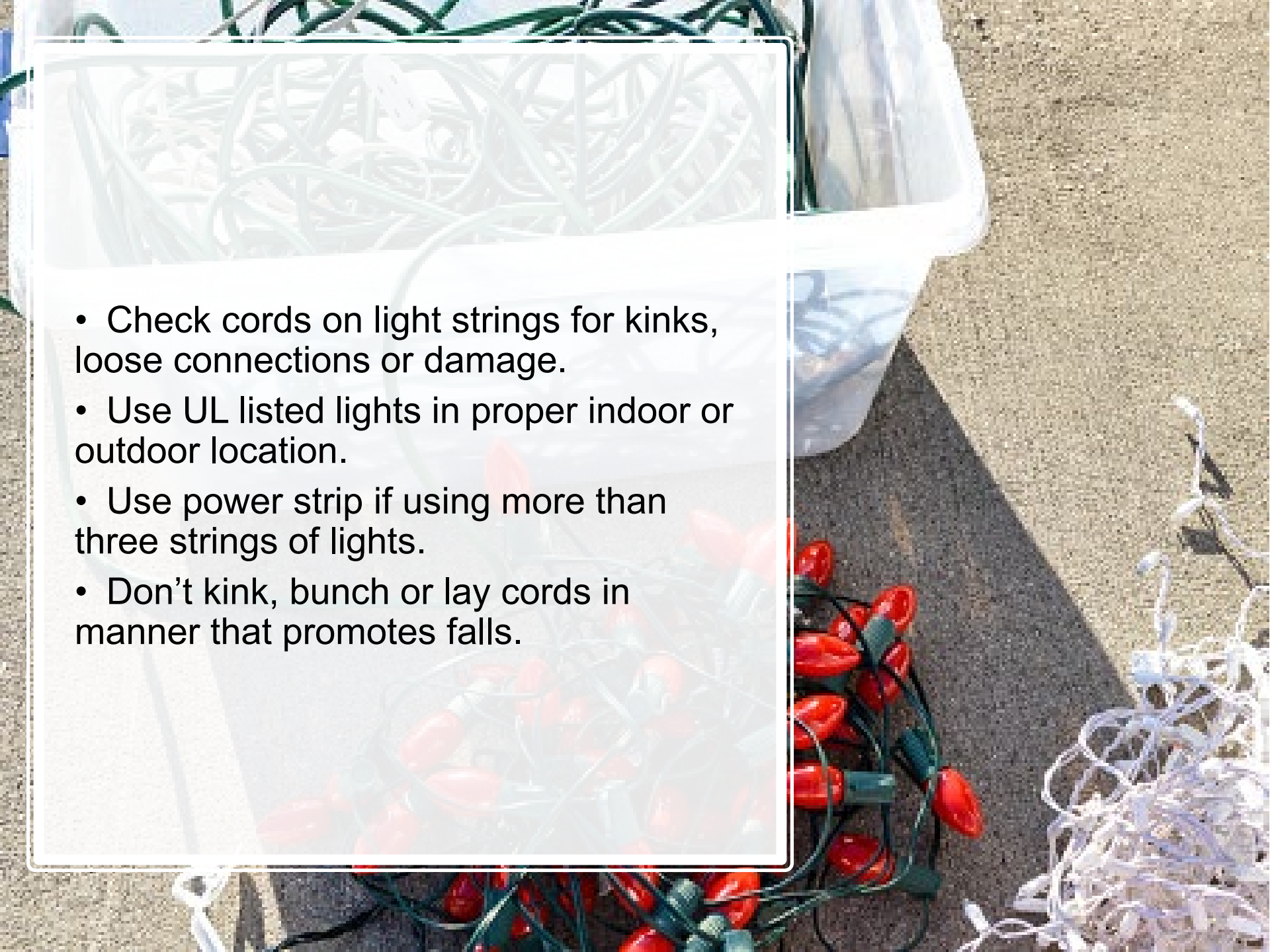
- The tree should be fresh, not dry.
- Water daily.





Cut 2 inches off bottom of tree before placing for decoration for better water absorption.

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- If tree is fresh, don't keep longer than 4-5 weeks. Tree becomes too dry.
  - Consider an artificial tree if you like a decorated tree inside for more than a month.
  - Don't block an exit with a decorated tree.
  - Keep tree 3 feet from heat source like lighted fireplace.
  - Don't dispose of tree by burning inside, don't store in garage or around house, they are highly combustible.

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- Check cords on light strings for kinks, loose connections or damage.
  - Use UL listed lights in proper indoor or outdoor location.
  - Use power strip if using more than three strings of lights.
  - Don't kink, bunch or lay cords in manner that promotes falls.



## If you go out, blow out.

Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when leaving house or going to sleep.





- Use U.L. listed lights and extension cords rated for outside use when decorating outside.
- Don't stack light strings, use a power strip if using more than 3 strings of lights.
- Hang lights with clips or hooks, not nails. You don't want to damage cords.
- Be aware of cord placement to avoid falling hazard.

Don't leave  
working  
space  
heater  
unattended.



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# Home fire extinguisher:

- Have and know the location of the extinguisher.
- Use PASS:
  - P**ull the pin
  - A**im the nozzle
  - S**queeze the handle
  - S**weep from side to side





- Give the Gift of Safety
- Replace alarms every ten years.
- Change the batteries at least once a year.
- Have smoke alarm on every level of house and in every sleeping area.



Have a Happy and Safe Holiday  
Salt Lake City Fire Department



# Source of tips and other presentations to view:

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