



## **CITY OF CORNING**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY**

With the holidays come the joys and festivities of this time of year; but we shouldn't forget to stay safe. Following these simple steps can help to ensure a safe holiday season:

Always choose a freshly cut tree. To test a tree, strike the stump down on a firm surface. If needles fall off, the tree is too dry.

Consider buying a live tree instead. You can plant it later to enjoy it for years to come.

Before you place the tree in the stand, cut a few inches off the trunk. This helps the tree to drink up water.

Use wire or nylon cord to secure the tree to the wall or ceiling to prevent it from being knocked over by children or pets.

Place the tree away from heat sources and, of course, from sparks and open flame.

Always keep the tree well-watered. Check and refill often.

Use only noncombustible decorations.

Check and replace any worn or damaged light sets. It is a good practice to replace any set if it is more than four or five years old.

Use only U.L. or F.M. approved light strings; Spot or floodlights should only be used on an artificial tree. **NO CANDLES!**

Avoid overloading electrical circuits or creating "octopus" connections.

Disconnect the lights at bedtime or when unattended.

Make sure there is an operational smoke detector installed nearby.

Remove discarded wrappings and packages from the house immediately and never burn them in the wood stove or fireplace - it could cause a chimney fire.