

# Redding Connects

Your Connection to City Services



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## Safe Lighting for Your Holiday Season

The merry months of November and December are upon us. To most of us this means the holiday season is here again! Many of us cherish this special time of year, celebrating with family and friends, spending countless hours decorating and adding colorful lighting to our homes and businesses.

Redding Electric Utility (REU), your community-owned electric utility, wishes you a happy and safe holiday season. Safety is a priority to all of us at REU. We are offering some very important tips to help you safely celebrate and light up the holidays. By following these helpful electrical safety tips you and your family can rest assured and enjoy one of the most joyous times of the year.

### Inside lights

- Throw away any lighting that shows damaged, cut, or frayed wire cords or insulation.
- Keep children and pets away from the lighted electrical decorations.
- Avoid covering the lighted lamps with any cloth, paper, or other material that is not part of the lighting.
- Holiday lighting kits usually have overload fuse

protection; if one blows, this may be a sign of an overloaded circuit. Please unplug the lights immediately and replace the blown circuit. If it continues to blow a fuse you may have a short circuit. Throw the string of lights away or return them to where they were purchased.

### Outside lights

- Never use seasonal lighting outside your home unless it is specifically labeled for outdoor use.
- Do not secure the wiring of the outdoor lighting with staples or nails.
- Connect outside lighting to a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupting (GFCI) device. If you don't have one, have a qualified electrician install one.
- When putting up lights or decorations on houses or in trees, stay away from overhead power lines.
- Do not use aluminum ladders.

### Christmas trees

- If you are lighting a tree, ensure the tree is fresh and well watered. If the tree is dry and needles are dropping off, don't use lighting!
- Please don't allow children to play with the lights or the wiring.
- Never use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Flame retardant does not mean flameproof – use caution.
- Position your tree at least three to four feet away from a heat source.
- If it looks unsafe...it probably is!

From REU to YOU...have a wonderful, bright, and safe holiday season!

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# REU

Redding Electric Utility



## Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Each year at Thanksgiving and the week following, we have a day for giving thanks, two days for getting deals, and a worldwide day for giving back - Giving Tuesday – this year on November 28th. Shasta Regional Community Foundation invites you to “Give where you live” by making an online donation at [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org) on Tuesday, November 28th between 6 AM and 8 PM Pacific Time for the benefit of over 100 local nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties. Your dollars will go further thanks to incentives of more than \$85,000 provided by Shasta Regional Community Foundation and generous hourly sponsors to participating North State nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties!

**Who:** Shasta Regional Community Foundation

**What:** North State Giving Tuesday

**When:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017

**Time:** 6 AM – 8 PM Pacific Time

**Where:** [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org)

**Why:** 14-hour online giving event to benefit over 100 nonprofits in Shasta and Siskiyou counties

Give Where You Live!

Contact info: 530-244-1219, and/or

#northstategivingtuesday



## From Your Shasta County Library

Returning Monday, October 30th, all three branches of the Shasta Public Libraries will be participating in our annual “Food for Fines” campaign. Through November 20th, patrons can exchange one can of food for \$1 off their library fines, up to \$10 per customer.

Cans will be given to One SAFE Place – Sierra Center (Redding), Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance (Anderson), and Burney Food Co-Op (Burney) and used for holiday food distribution programs.

The libraries can only accept canned foods, no damaged, expired or glass items. Donated cans cannot be used for lost or damaged books or for collection accounts.

To learn more about this event, please call the Redding Library at (530) 245-7250 or visit [www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines](http://www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines).

## Returning to the Library



**Earn \$1 off your account fines, up to \$10 per customer**



Go to [www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines](http://www.shastalibraries.org/foodforfines) for details.



## Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

December 9

### Winter Guide comes out December 1!

- Fast Pitch Softball Umpire Training
- Tribal Fusion Dance Fitness
- Fit Boot Camp
- Winter Boot Camp Ski & Snowboard Conditioning
- Aunt Bee's Kitchen
- Photography
- Winter Adventures
- Redding Youth Basketball League
- Healthy Me! Preschool Program
- Little Learners Sign & Sing



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