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## Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

The holidays are upon us! To make yours as wonderful and peaceful as possible, Redding Electric Utility wants to share some holiday lighting safety tips.

As many as one in four reported home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems. REU wants you to be safe in your home, no matter the season.

We urge customers to be especially mindful about these holiday safety issues:

### Indoor Lights

- Throw away any lighting that has damaged, cut, or frayed wire, cords, or insulation.
- Keep children and pets away from the lighted electrical decorations.
- Don't connect more than three sets of lights together — the current running through those lights could exceed the wire's ratings, leading to a potential fire hazard.
- If your home has a live Christmas tree, remember the lights could dry out the tree faster, making it more vulnerable to fire. Don't leave the lights on overnight.
- Avoid covering lights with any cloth, paper, or other material that is not part of the lighting.

### Candles

- Many homes light candles during the holiday season. Be sure to blow out all candles before going to bed at night.
- If you do light candles, keep them far from the tree and other flammable items, such as wrapping paper.

### Outdoor lighting

- Never use indoor holiday lights outdoors. Indoor lights aren't as resistant to moisture, which may cause electrical shorts and damage in wet weather.
- Don't staple or nail the lights to your home — one slip could send a metal object into contact with the wiring, potentially leading to injury or malfunctioning lights.
- 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, do not use metal ladders and stay away from overhead power lines.
- Do not install light strings while they are energized.
- Test lighting strings before putting them up.

All of us at Redding Electric Utility wish you a joyful and safe holiday season!

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## Redding Recreation Winter Guide is Here!

#ReddingRecWinter2019

### Redding Recreation's Activity Guide



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Give the gift of fun and recreation this year!

Register online at [reddingrecreation.org](http://reddingrecreation.org)



## Shasta Celebrates Teachers

Recognizing great teachers and their contributions to students' lives.

Friday | 01.31.2020 | 4-8 PM  
Redding City Hall, 777  
Cypress Ave



Redding Airport offers daily nonstop flights to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)



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## Redding Library's Winter Wonderland Celebration

Get in the holiday spirit at the Redding Library's Winter Wonderland celebration on Saturday, December 14th from 10am to Noon. Fun crafts, snacks, and prizes make this a perfect holiday event for families. This year "The Grinch" takes over Winter Wonderland. For more information call 530-245-7253.

Also, join us for Mega Family Game Night on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6-7:30pm. There will be mini golf, video games and board games for all ages in the "Teen Scene" at the Redding Library.

Hosted by the Redding Library's Teen Advisory Board.

Both events are FREE to the public!

### Winter Wonderland The Grinch Takes Over

Dec. 7	Dec. 12	Dec. 14
Anderson	Burney	Redding
10am-12pm	3:30pm-4:30pm	10am-12pm

Get in the holiday spirit at the Shasta Public Libraries Winter Wonderland celebration event. Fun crafts, snacks, and prizes make this the perfect holiday event for families. For more information call: 530-245-7253

**Patio Book Sale:**  
First Saturday of every month  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Redding Library Patio • For more information, please call 245-7265.