



Bartlett Fire Protection District

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Re: "Keep the Wreath Red" Program

The Bartlett Fire Protection District will once again promote the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. "Keep the Wreath Red" is a holiday fire safety program designed to increase fire safety awareness. A holiday wreath will hang outside each fire station in Bartlett. In the event of a holiday-related fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on the wreath red. Fire safety reminders for a safe holiday season include:

- Check all your illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition. Light strands that have frayed or cracked wires should be thrown away and replaced with UL approved devices. Outside cords should be approved for exterior uses and inside cords should not be placed under carpets or throw rugs.
- Keep live Christmas trees watered frequently. Be aware of your tree's life and when it becomes brittle, discontinue using the lights. Always turn off the lights when leaving your home.
- Make sure your fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote build-up. Christmas wrappings and tree branches are not to be burned in the fireplace. Their intense and rapid burning can cause chimney fires and flames to extend out of the firebox and into your home.
- Be careful with candle use. Never leave a candle unattended and always place them out of the reach of children.
- Do not overload extension cords or outlets with excessive holiday lights. Follow the manufactures' recommendations. Also, be conscious of where you place extension

cords. Keep them away from heaters, out from underneath rugs and anywhere else that they may become damaged.

- As always, check your smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order. If you did not change the batteries when you changed your clocks for daylight savings time, change them now.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the Fire District at 630-837-3701