

U.M.K.C. Holiday Decorations

Throughout the year there are many holidays and occasions that may call for the opportunity to decorate. Before you start decorating you need to be aware that not all decorations are safe. Lives are threatened or lost to fire because of the improper use of holiday decorations. Some basic simple avoidance prevents such tragedies from occurring.

Materials that cannot be flame proofed shall not be used on UMKC property which include but not limited to the following:

Hay\Straw (baled or loose)	Wood Shavings	Dry Moss
Wood Bark	Dry Leaves	Saw Dust
Corn Shucks	Plastic Sheeting\Pellets	Cedar Trees
Loose Cotton	Cedar Branches	Confetti
Natural Trees	Wreaths	Boughs

Candles are not permitted to be used under the UMKC Open Flame Policy.

Paper decorations should be used sparingly.

Decorative lights shall be labeled as UL or FM approved. Prior to using inspect all lights for worn, broken, or cracked wires, replace if needed. Don't place lights near flammable materials. When lights or electrical devices will left unattended for a long period of time remember to unplug them.

Electrical outlets should not be overloaded with power strips or extension cords, only one power strip can be used in a dual electrical outlet.

Whenever possible decorations should have an approved UL or FM label and be constructed of flame resistant or flame retardant materials. The use of products that bear these labels can help ensure your decorations meet strict safety guidelines. Never place decorations near a heat source this is a major cause of most fires. Decorations should not be placed where they obscure or block ability to exit in an emergency. Remember to remove all decorations within a timely manner after the holidays. With a little preplanning your decorations and holiday season can be a safe and joyous one.



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