

# At Home

Holiday Home Safety

As you're sprucing up your place for the holidays, check out these helpful tips on keeping your home safe!

What's a tree's favorite drink? Root beer! If you choose a live tree, make sure you keep it watered. A six-foot Christmas tree needs at least a gallon a day to stay fresh. Cut off two inches from the bottom to expose fresh wood for better absorption. Dry trees pose a fire hazard. An <u>automatic watering system</u> will help keep your tree watered.

Trees should go timber in the forest, not the house. Your tree stand should have a sturdy base and be proportionate to the size of your tree.

If you're purchasing an artificial tree, look for a 'fire resistant' label.

Let there be light but do not leave burning candles unattended. Trim the wick to ¼ inch before using. Extinguish candles before leaving a room or going to bed. Candles should be in stable holders and in a spot where they cannot be easily disturbed. Consider using <u>flameless</u> candles as a safer alternative.

Check your lights for fraying wires or other wear and tear, including the lights on pre-lit trees. A power strip is the safest way to plug in lights.

It's a bright idea to turn off your lights before going to bed or before leaving the house. Put the lights on a <u>timer</u> or <u>smart plug</u> to automate the job. Thanks a watt!

## Wrap It Up Giveaway!

As our gift to you this holiday season, all of our communities have a complimentary giftwrapping station set up through the month. Please check with your leasing office for hours and information on where it's located within your community.

Show us your presents! Send us a picture of a gift that you've wrapped using the wrapping station and be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card. Email us at <u>athome@cowboyproperties</u>. <u>com</u> with your name, the community you live in and a picture of your wrapped gift. You must be a current resident of a Cowboy Properties community to win. One entry per person. Winners will be notified by email. All entries must be in by 8 AM MT on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Traveling for the holiday? Take a lesson from Kevin McCallister to make your house look occupied while you're away. Leave a light on in the living room or a bedroom (or put it on a timer) and set your TV to turn on for a few hours in the evening. To further help keep your home safe, don't publicly broadcast on social media that you are out of town, holding those photos for social media until you're back home. If you are going to be out for a long period of time, the post office will <u>hold your mail</u> up to 30 days.

Make sure you check your community's rules and regulations before hanging outdoor decorations.

# Events of the Week

Making the Most of Living in a Cowboy Properties Community Dec. 9, 2022

> Fly Me to the Moon Clark Planetarium (Gateway Mall, 110 S, 400 W, SLC) Saturday, Dec. 10, Noon - 4 PM Celebrate the 50th anniversary of NASA's Apollo 17 mission.

## Crazy Daisy Christmas Show

Mountain America Exposition Center (9575 State Street, Sandy) Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 AM - 8 PM Over 200 small businesses, food and fun.

#### Assistance Resources

Please let us know if you are having difficulties keeping up with your rent.

We've partnered with <u>Flex</u> to give you flexibility in how you pay your rent.

# Housing Assistance

rentrelief.utah.gov

#### <u>General Assistance (Utilities, Food,</u> <u>Housing)</u>

utahca.org/housing/ or call (801) 359-2444 211utah.org/ or call 211

Utah Department of Workforce Services Resources jobs.utah.gov/

Food Resources, and Mobile Food Pantry Dates and Locations slc.gov/sustainability/food-covid/

utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry/ feedut.org/