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## **Brighten Up the Holidays Safely**



December is here and given the year, we could all use a little holiday cheer. Many of us like to put up our holiday lights by the first of December, before inclement weather sets in. With all the excitement of the holiday season, remember to keep safety in mind. Follow these tips when decorating to safely make your holiday merry and bright.

- 1. **Before you deck, inspect.** Check both new and old lights for any loose cords, wires or damaged sockets before plugging them in.
- 2. **Don't overload your outlets.** Don't plug more than one high-wattage item into an outlet at a time.
- 3. Limit light strands to three. Connecting more than that could blow a fuse.
- 4. **Read the packaging.** Lights are rated for indoor or outdoor use, so make sure to read the label to find the right lights for the job.

- 5. **Unplug before replacing.** To make it even easier to replace burned-out bulbs, test your lights before you put them up.
- 6. **Set lights on a timer** to avoid forgetting to turn them off or leaving them on all the time. This will make quite a difference on your electricity bill.
- 7. Switch to LED. LED lights tend to last longer, and the bulbs don't get as hot.

## And That's a Wrap!



It's no secret that 2020 has been an unusual year. As we reflect on our achievements, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our customers and expand our business during this chaotic and stressful period. At the start of 2020, we expanded our commercial product offerings from the ComEd service territory to include electricity supply

service in the Ameren service territory in downstate Illinois. In April, we worked closely with the Village of Oak Park to develop and launch the Oak Park Community Solar Pilot Program. A few months later, we launched a similar program with six additional communities as part of the North Shore Community Solar Program. We look forward to serving you and supporting the development and expansion of renewable energy resources in Illinois for years to come.

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