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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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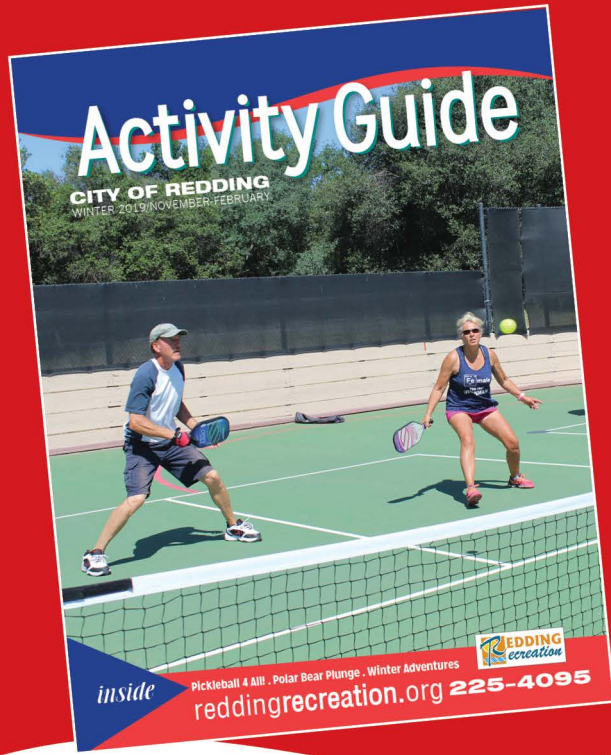
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Get Connected to Services Available in Your Community

2-1-1 Shasta, a program of United Way of Northern California, is an information and referral helpline that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, and available in multiple languages.

When a community member calls 2-1-1 they are connected to a live specialist, who can assist in finding information regarding food, clothing, utility assistance, housing & shelter, job training and employment, parenting classes, healthcare, crisis hotlines, transportation, senior services, child care, drug and alcohol treatment, legal services, counseling, mental health, support groups, and more.

Allow us to connect you to the resources you need to get help, just dial 2-1-1 on any phone within Shasta County. If you are not able to connect to 2-1-1 Shasta from your phone, please call 855-211-7822, or visit us online at 211norcal.org.

Tis the Season to "SHARE"

During this season of celebration and giving, please remember that there are some Redding residents who need our assistance. For the past 15 years, REU has provided a SHARE program (Simply Helping Another Receive Energy), which has raised more than \$250,000 to assist our Redding elderly residents with their electric bill. When you review your next City of Redding utility bill, look for the SHARE box at the top of the bill and please consider making a generous donation. If you would like to add a fixed, monthly contribution amount to your utility bill, please contact Customer Service at (530) 339-7200.

As 2018 comes to an end and we all look forward to new and positive opportunities for 2019, let's be remindful of what we truly love about our community and each strive to improve our quality of life.

Shasta Public Libraries' Winter Wonderland

Get in the holiday spirit at the Redding Library's Winter Wonderland celebration on Saturday, December 15th from 10am to Noon. Fun crafts, snacks, and raffles make this the perfect holiday event for families. This year we are throwing in a bit of space fun. For more information call 530-245-7253.

Also, join us for Star Wars Movie Night on Tuesday, December 4th from 5-7:45pm. All ages, kids through adult, are invited to come watch "The Force Awakens" at the Redding Library. We'll have some Imperial guests for you to meet from Stormtrooper Ranch.

**Doors open at 5pm.
 The movie starts promptly at 5:30pm.**

Hosted by the Redding Library's Teen Advisory Board

