Holiday Decoration
Fire Safety Reminder

As the holiday season approaches, we are entering the time of year when members of the NYU community are thinking about putting up decorations in their residence halls, faculty housing common space or offices to express the joy of the fall and winter holidays. We encourage everyone to enjoy this festive time in ways that will also ensure the safety of our community and that comply with all applicable building codes. Please help us to ensure a safe holiday season by observing these rules for holiday decorations in all NYU facilities.

Cut natural trees and decorative greens: The New York City Fire Code prohibits the installation or display of cut natural trees or natural decorative greens in NYU buildings, including student residence halls and common areas of faculty residential facilities. Cut trees are permitted in individual faculty housing apartment units.

Please be aware that failure to follow the Fire Code requirements may subject the University to violations by the Department of Buildings and/or the Fire Department of New York.

Lighting devices using open flame or high heat: The use of this type of lighting, including candles, lanterns, oil lamps, etc., is prohibited.

Electric light sets: Electric holiday lights must bear the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.

Electrical outlets: Do not overloaded outlets with multiple plugs.

Extension cords: Use of extension cords is prohibited.

Artificial trees/decorations: Only fire-resistant or flame-retardant artificial trees and decorations may be used. To determine if products are fire-resistant or flame-retardant, check the packaging in which it comes or contact the Fire Department.

Materials that cannot be flame-proofed may not be used for decorations under any circumstances.

Access to Exits: Do not block or obstruct exits, paths to exits, or exit lights with decorations.

Access to Safety Equipment: Do not block or obstruct fire extinguishers, fire alarms or other fire safety equipment.

Thank you for helping to ensure that all holidays are celebrated safely!