

# Victory Views



## Holiday Tips

### Holiday Entertaining

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the range.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet).
- Test your smoke alarms, and let guests know what your fire escape plan is

### Security

- Use your home burglar alarm system.
- If you plan to travel for the holidays, don't discuss your plans with strangers.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home.

*Planning to put up your holiday lights soon? See the next page for safety tips!*



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## Be Safe with Holiday Lights!

- \* Use caution with holiday decorations and, whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant and non-combustible materials.
- \* Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings, and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.
- \* Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples--don't use nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- \* Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- \* Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- \* Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground-fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- \* Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.



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easy tips you can follow which may lead to dramatic reductions in your home heating and electricity costs!

**2. Install a tankless water heater.** Demand water heaters (tankless or instantaneous) provide hot water only as it is needed. They don't produce the standby energy losses associated with storage water heaters, which will save on energy costs. Demand water heaters heat water directly without the use of a storage tank. Therefore, they avoid the standby heat losses required by traditional storage water heaters. When a hot water tap is turned on, cold water travels through a pipe into the unit. Either a gas burner or an electric element heats the water. As a result, demand water heaters deliver a constant supply of hot water. You don't need to wait for a storage tank to fill up with enough hot water. Consider tankless next time you need to replace your hot water heater.

**3. Replace incandescent lights.** The average household dedicates 11% of its energy budget to lighting. Traditional incandescent lights convert approximately only 10% of the energy they consume into light, while the rest becomes heat. The use of new lighting technologies, such as **light-emitting diodes (LEDs)** and **compact fluorescent lamps (CFL)**, can reduce energy use required by lighting by 50% to 75%. Advances in lighting controls offer further energy savings by reducing the amount of time lights are on but not being used. Here are some facts about CFLs and LEDs:

**CFLs use 75% less energy and last about 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.**

**LEDs last even longer than CFLs and consume less energy.**

**LEDs have no moving parts and, unlike CFLs, they contain no mercury.**