

## NEWS RELEASE

### LIGHTING YOUR WAY TO A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

December 5, 2016 – (MISSISSAUGA, Ontario) – Enersource would like to remind everyone to make safety a priority when decorating for the holiday season.

Here are some simple safety tips to remember:

- Never use frayed or damaged lights, cords or extensions.
- Don't place outdoor lighting near overhead powerlines, utility poles or street lights.
- Keep outdoor connections above-ground and out of puddles.
- Don't run wires across driveways, walkways or high-traffic areas.
- For outdoor lighting, always use Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved equipment (lights, cords, plugs and sockets) marked for outdoor use.
- Avoid plugging too many lights into one outlet or overloading with extension cords. Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire.
- If installing a semi-permanent holiday structure outside of your home, contact Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 before you dig.

Holiday lighting can also increase electricity consumption. To manage the costs of increased energy usage, we suggest the following:

- Use LED lights, which use much less energy than incandescent lights.
- Look for Energy Star-qualified lights – other LED lights can lose colour quality and light output over time.
- Use timers to avoid having lights on during daylight hours and during on-peak pricing periods.

From the Enersource family to yours, may you have a safe and happy holiday season.

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