



CUSTOMER INFORMATION NOTICE

ILLUMINATING THE SAFE PATH TO HOLIDAY LIGHTING

December 1, 2015 – (MISSISSAUGA, Ontario) – The festive season is upon us and Enersource would like to remind everyone to make safety a priority when decorating for the holidays.

Here are some simple safety tips to remember:

- Never use frayed or damaged holiday lights, cords or extensions.
- Avoid placing outdoor holiday lighting near overhead power lines, 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 and decorations into an outlet or overloading with extension cords. Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire.
- If installing a semi-permanent holiday structure outside of the home, make sure to 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 lighting, which uses significantly less energy than incandescent lighting.
- Look for Energy Star-qualified lighting – 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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