

Holiday Safety

To ensure a safe holiday season, the Prince Albert Fire Department recommends the following:

Christmas Tree

When shopping for a Christmas tree, make sure to get a tree that was freshly cut. A green tree is less of a fire hazard. To check for freshness, a few basic steps can be taken.

- Rub the needles and notice if they bend or break. Needles will bend on a tree with good moisture content.
- Check the stump. You want to see some resin on the stump.
- A noticeable fragrance also indicates a freshly-cut tree.

When taking your tree home, make sure to give it plenty of water. You want to have a stand that will hold 2 to 3 litres of water. Check the stand daily and top it up with water when necessary.

By picking a freshly cut tree and following the recommended steps, you can expect your tree to last ten days. If you notice that needles are starting to fall, then it is time to dispose of your Christmas tree.