

# LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS



## **Christmas Tree Tips**

A few things to remember when setting up your tree:

- When you bring the tree into the house for decorating, make another fresh cut across the trunk about an inch from the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water. Trees are thirsty, even more when the preceding summer and fall are dry. They may drink up to four (4) litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand which holds at least four litres of water is recommended. If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary. A Christmas tree with high moisture content is less flammable.
- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat.
- Turn off the Christmas tree lights when you leave the house or before you retire at night.