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INFORMATION SHEET

CHRISTMAS TREE REGULATIONS

The holidays are upon us and certain precautions must be taken to ensure a fire-safe season. ***The California Fire Code Regulations***. These regulations apply to all commercial, and retail businesses with public assemblies of 50 or more people.

1. LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Live Christmas trees must be flameproof and tagged, indicating the following information:

- a) Date of treatment/placement of the tree
- b) Name of applicator
- c) Name of chemical used
- d) Registration number of chemical used

2. SUPPORT DEVICE

- a) Does not damage or require removal of the tree stem base.
- b) Is capable of containing a two-day minimum supply of water, covering the stem at least 2 inches.

3. BUTTCUT

Prior to setting up a tree, the trunk shall have a fresh butt cut on a diagonal at least 1 inch above the original cut.

4. WATERING

Hot tap water shall be used when first filling the support stand, and the stand shall not be allowed to become dry of water. If the stand becomes dry or the tree becomes dry, the tree shall be removed immediately.

5. DRY NEEDLES

If needles fall off readily, the tree does not have adequate moisture content, and it ***shall be removed immediately***.

6. OPEN FLAMES

Candles and open flames shall not be used on or near a tree within a distance equal to the height of the tree.

7. ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS

Electrical decorations used on trees shall be UL-listed. Decorations shall be flame retardant.

8. EXITS

The Christmas tree ***shall not*** be placed near an exit.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please feel free to contact Administrative Battalion Chief/ Fire Marshal, Michelle Rudaitis at (714) 593-4430 at the City of Fountain Valley Fire Department.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!