



## Plug In to the Holidays

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Con Edison Offers Safety Tips

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 -- Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) wishes all its customers a happy and safe holiday season, and reminds them to use caution when installing holiday lights and decorations.

Decorations for the holiday season have become more elaborate, and consumers should make safety the first priority by following these basic safety tips:

- Make sure that holiday lights carry the seal of approval of a recognized safety-testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions when installing lights or assembling displays.
- Before reusing electrical devices that you have kept in storage, inspect for worn or frayed areas and breaks or brittleness, particularly at the plugs and connections. Replace defective lights and cords. Throw out any frayed wires or extension cords.
- To avoid electric overloads, use extension cords sparingly.
- Outdoor displays require outdoor, exterior-rated extension cords, including fixtures, cords and bulbs.
- Avoid running cords under rugs, through doorways, or near furniture where they may be stepped on, tripped over, or broken.
- Do not place cords around or near metal pipes, appliances, or anything that is damp or metallic. Turn off electrical devices when making adjustments.
- Always have a responsible adult present when lighting or electrical displays are turned on and in use.
- Install or adjust outdoor electrical displays only during dry weather.

For more safety tips, visit <http://www.coned.com/customercentral/safetytip.asp>.

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