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Candle safety.

As the holidays approach we all start thinking about decorating our homes for festive times and candles are usually a big part of these decorations. Candles add a warm welcoming feel to any occasion but, if not used safely they can ruin the most festive occasions. The following is a few safety tips to help remain safe for the holidays:

- Keep clear of other combustible decorations such as evergreens or other decorations.
- Make sure they are out of reach of children and pets.
- Always place them on/in noncombustible bases.
- Ensure there is nothing directly over candles.
- Trim candle wicks to ¼ inch each time before burning. Long or crooked wicks cause uneven burning and dripping.
- Always keep a burning candle within sight. Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep.
- Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents, ceiling fans or other air currents.
- Make sure smoke detectors are properly operating

For further fire safety questions please contact the New Canaan Fire Marshal's Office at 594-3030.