



# HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- Keep Them Shining Safely -

## Outdoor Lighting

- ☆ Use only those lights that have been tested and labelled by an approved testing laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- ☆ Turn off the electricity to the supply outlet before working on outdoor wiring.
- ☆ Keep electrical connections off the ground and clear of metal objects.
- ☆ Use insulated tape, not metal nails or tacks to hold strings of outdoor lights in place. Do not tape the cords either over, under or along metal eaves troughs.
- ☆ Run cords above ground, keeping them out of puddles and snow.
- ☆ Tape all plug connections with plastic electrical tape to make them as watertight as possible. Bulbs should face the ground to prevent moisture from entering bulb sockets.
- ☆ When using spotlights or floodlights to light your home or trees, ensure they are marked for outdoor use to withstand snow and rain. Indoor floodlights should never be used outdoors.

## Indoor Lighting

- ☆ Only use lights that have been tested and labelled by an approved testing laboratory.
- ☆ Discard any string of lights with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders or loose connections.
- ☆ Do not overload electrical circuits or extension cords, and follow instructions on cord labels for connecting light strings to extension cords.
- ☆ Always turn Christmas lights out before leaving home or going to sleep.
- ☆ Avoid using timers on indoor lights. Tree lights could turn on when no one is home and create a potential fire hazard.

