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CUSTOMER INFORMATION NOTICE

If Installing Holiday Lights - Think Safety & Energy Efficiency

BRANTFORD, ON – Brantford Power encourages everyone to take some simple safety precautions if installing holiday lights this season.

- Make sure exterior lights are designed for outdoor use. Not all lights can handle the elements.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or exposed wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.
- Watch for overhead wires when stringing exterior lights.
- Plug lights directly into the electrical sockets rather than relying heavily on extension cords. Before plugging anything in, consult the fuse box to determine how much each circuit can safely handle.
- Make sure all external lights are securely attached. Wind can do significant damage to bulbs, which can lead to additional safety risks.
- Be sure to turn off your holiday lights (inside & out) before going to bed, and never leave lights on when you are away from home - unless they are connected to a timer or photocell.
- Avoid potential accidents by keeping lights well beyond the reach of children.

Consider energy efficiency when buying or replacing holiday lights. LED (light emitting diode) lights use up to 90% less electricity, last 10 times longer (30,000 to 50,000 hours) and are more durable than incandescent lights. Buy bulbs that are ENERGY STAR® certified. LED is the only technology that currently meets the ENERGY STAR specification for decorative light strings.

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