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**Legend:**
- **Live Meeting Coverage**
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Traps

Susan remembers when lawn darts, trampolines, puzzles, Pogo balls and air rifles were popular birthday and holiday gifts for kids. Today, she wonders how she survived her childhood! Susan plans to begin shopping for toys and take advantage of seasonal sales year-round to avoid the frenetic crowds of the holidays. She wants to save money but also wants to buy toys that will be safe for her kids.

Tips

Along with being fun, toys should be safe. Here are some tips for a happier holiday:

• Consider the child’s age, interest and skill level. Look for labels that give age recommendations as a guide. The Child Safety Protection Act requires choking hazard warning labels on toys containing small parts. Remember a toy intended for an older child may be dangerous in the hands of a younger child. Information on age-appropriate toys can be found at http://www.usa.safekids.org and http://www.cpsc.gov.

• Buy from a reputable retailer, and ask if they have removed all recalled toys from the shelves. Get a receipt for your purchase and verify the store’s return policy.

• Be extra cautious when buying second-hand or used toys. Look for signs that state all sales are final. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act also prohibits thrift shops, garage sales, consignment and online stores from selling recalled toys. Toys can be recalled for reasons such as toxic levels of lead in the paint or a strangulation risk (cords) or a choking hazard (small parts).

• You can see the recalled toys list and sign up for e-mail alerts at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site http://www.cpsc.gov.

• If you decide to buy your child’s first big bicycle, remember it’s not a toy. That big bike is now considered a vehicle, and your next purchase should be a helmet!

For more information, contact Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs at 561-712-6600 (Boca/Delray 888-852-7362 toll free) www.pbcgov/consumer
Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

**HOLIDAY DECORATING**
- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING**
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed
- **Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

**FACTS**
- More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.
Christmas Tree Safety

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

**PICKING THE TREE**
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

**PLACING THE TREE**
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

**LIGHTING THE TREE**
- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**After Christmas**
Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

**FACTS**

- **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

- **Although** Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

- A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.
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Holiday Gift Giving With A Library Card

Gift giving for the holidays can be challenging in the best of times and this year will be even more challenging if the supply chain problem continues. Here are some low cost (free) options you can give your family and friends* just by using a Library card.

**Magazine Subscription**

A magazine subscription can cost upwards of $100. That's just for one magazine title. With your Library card you have access to Flipster which has 161 different magazines covering a variety of topics and age groups. You can view these magazines on your computer or mobile device. All titles are full-page, full-color duplicates of the print titles. There is truly something for everyone.

**Streaming Music**

A streaming music service can cost upwards of $150 a year depending on the plan you select. With your Library card you can access hoopla and freegal. With Freegal you get 5 downloads a week that you can keep as well as 5 hours of streaming access per day. hoopla gives you immediate access to most artists not on the Sony label. 20 borrows per month. Most albums can be borrowed for 7 days.

**E-books and e-audiobooks**

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Prices for tutoring services can range between $30 and $120 a month. With your Library card you can access Tutor.com for free online tutoring in math, science, social studies and language arts as well. Grades K-12, College Intro and Adult Learners. Live one-to-one help is available every day from 12:00 pm-12:00 am. Assistance provided in Spanish every day from 2:00 pm-12:00 am.

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You do not need a Library card to visit the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society Library located at the Main Library on Summit Boulevard in West Palm Beach. You can also attend any of our virtual genealogical activities. Check the website www.pbclibrary.org for a list of activities.

Learn a New Language
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Must show ID and proof of residency to get a library card. Tell your friends about the benefit of library cards.
HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS:  
The perfect gift?

Trap

Jason from Wellington needed some last minute gifts, but he wasn’t sure he should buy gift cards because of some bad experiences. Several months ago, he discovered two unused gift cards he received from a favorite aunt. Both were from national retailers. Unfortunately, one of the retailers had filed for bankruptcy earlier this year. When he went to other store, he was informed the gift card had expired! His thrill turned to disappointment. He didn’t want his friends to go through the same unpleasant experiences.

Tips

Before purchasing gift cards, consider the following:

- **Know your rights.** Florida passed a law in 2007 that mandates gift cards issued in Florida cannot expire or have any fees that would reduce the card’s value. This applies to gift certificates as well.

- **Buy gift cards from reputable sources.** Avoid buying gift cards from online auction sites. These cards may be stolen, counterfeit or obtained fraudulently.

- **Inspect the card before buying.** Verify that none of the protective stickers have been removed or that the codes on the back of the card have not been scratched off to reveal a PIN number.

- **Consider the financial condition of the company.** Has the company filed for bankruptcy? If the business closes stores, the card may be difficult to redeem.

- **Ask about purchase exceptions.** Can the card be used on the store’s Web site or only at the store’s physical location (point-of-purchase or nationwide at all their locations)?

- **Give the recipient the original receipt to verify the card’s purchase value in case the card is lost or stolen.**

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GIFT CARD TIPS

Trap

Racks of colorful gift cards seemed to greet Matthew everywhere he shopped. He liked the convenience of purchasing gift cards as last minute gifts for those who were hard to shop for, but he was overwhelmed by the choices. Which is better -- a general purpose gift card redeemable at most retail establishments or a store gift card redeemable at a specific retailer or restaurant?

Tips

Before purchasing or using a gift card, consider the following:

- **General purpose gift cards, also known as bank cards** are sold through companies like Visa, MasterCard and American Express. They are accepted by most stores and restaurants. General purpose gift cards may have an expiration date and activation or transaction fees.

- **Store/restaurant gift cards also known as retail cards** are sold by retailers and restaurants and can only be used with the named merchant. In 2007, Florida enacted a law making it illegal for retail cards to have an expiration date or any fees that would reduce the card’s value. It is important to consider the financial health of a store selling the card. If the store closes or files for bankruptcy, the gift card may be worthless. A good practice is to use a gift card as soon as possible.

- **Split payments**: Check with the cashier before using a gift card when the purchase price is greater than the face value of the card. Most large chain stores accept split payments with their gift cards. A general purpose gift card sometimes does not allow split payments.

- **Avoid buying gift cards from online auction sites** because the cards may be counterfeit or may have been obtained fraudulently.


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