

Campus Fire Safety – Important Information Regarding Decorations

Decorations - Flammable decorations (e.g., large paper posters, fishnets, hanging blankets, tapestries, carpeting hung from ceiling or on walls, etc) in large housing units such as residence halls are prohibited by law.

Holiday Decorations - In addition to all those decorations listed above, the following procedures must be followed in the use of Holiday Decorations:

- Live cut trees are prohibited inside or within 15 feet surrounding dormitories (per Commonwealth of Massachusetts CMR's and Hamilton Fire Department), except Retreat House.
- Connection of more than three strands of tree lights to one outlet is prohibited.
- Artificial trees must be labeled "flame retardant" and if metallic must not be decorated with electric lights.
- Decorations with electric bulbs must be kept away from drapes and flammable materials.
- Electrical lights or decorations may not be attached to the outside of one's door or in any area where they will not be continuously monitored.