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## CANDLE SAFETY



Twinkling candles add light, warmth and happiness and are safe when used responsibly in your surroundings. The National Candle Association ([www.candles.org](http://www.candles.org)) offers these candle safety tips:

- ◆ Extinguish any candles before you leave the room or go to bed.
- ◆ Keep lighted candles away from holiday decorations.
- ◆ Place candles out of the way of children and pets.
- ◆ Keep wicks trimmed and out of drafts to insure a properly burning flame.
- ◆ Always burn candles on protected, heat-resistant surfaces specifically designed for candle use. The holder should be big enough to collect dripping wax.
- ◆ Discontinue use of a container or votive candle when 1/2-inch of unmelted wax remains. This will prevent possible heat damage to the surface and prevent glass containers from cracking or breaking. Extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get down to within two inches of their holders or decorations.
- ◆ Candles should be placed at least three inches apart so they don't melt one another.
- ◆ Never use a candle for light when you are fueling equipment such as a lantern or kerosene heater.