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Combustible Decorations

Introduction

This document is intended to detail specific conditions and limitations regarding the use of combustible decorations, including natural Christmas trees, in commercial and assembly buildings. These regulations *do not* apply to any single or two family dwelling or to the inside of any multiple family dwelling units.

While every attempt has been made to ensure this document is as complete and accurate as possible, any error or omission should not be considered as permission to violate any specific provision of the code.

General Requirements

Fire safety requirements for combustible decorations shall comply with the Ky. Building Code and NFPA 1 and 101. The 2012 editions of NFPA 1 and 101 were adopted by Kentucky for use effective in July 2013. Combustible vegetation, including natural cut Christmas trees shall only be permitted in accordance with the table below:

Occupancy	No Tree Allowed	Cut Tree allowed only with Sprinkler System	Cut tree allowed without Sprinkler System	Live, balled tree allowed
Health Care				XX
Apartment Buildings (common areas)				XX
Assembly (includes churches, restaurants, clubs, bars, theaters, or where 50 or more gather for entertainment, worship recreation), Board and Care, Detention, Dorms, Educational, Hotels	XX			
Business and Retail		XX		XX
Day Care		XX		XX
Storage and Industrial		XX	XX	XX
Lodging or Rooming Homes				XX

Artificial Decorations

The following general provisions apply to artificial decorations:

1. Artificial decorations, including Christmas trees, or otherwise identified by the manufacturer as being fire retardant.
2. Decorations shall not obstruct any part of any means of egress
3. Only listed electrical lights and wiring may be used.
4. Electrical lights are prohibited on metal artificial Christmas trees
5. Open flames such as candles, lanterns or heaters shall not be located on or near combustible decorations or vegetation of any form
6. Combustible vegetation, decoration or trees shall not be located near any heating vent that could cause it to dry out

Provisions for Natural Cut Trees

Natural cut trees shall be permitted as follows:

1. The bottom end of the trunk is cut with a straight fresh cut at least ½ inch above the old.
2. The tree shall be placed in a suitable stand with water.
3. The water shall be maintained above the fresh cut and checked daily
4. The tree shall be removed upon evidence of dryness.