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Christmas Tree Burn and Fire Safety Demonstration

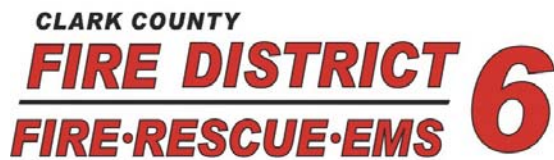
Fire District 6 and Paul Davis Restoration will host a demonstration of a Christmas tree fire Saturday, December 18th at the Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179th St., Ridgefield, WA, from 10:30am-11:15am. There will be two mock rooms constructed side-by-side. Each room will have a Christmas tree; one of the trees has not been properly cared for, the other has been. Both trees will be set on fire to demonstrate how a dry Christmas tree can burn significantly quicker than a fresh tree. Fire District 6 encourages people to dispose of their 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. Fire District 6 also offers the following safety tips for a fire free holiday season:

- Make sure that the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights
- Add water to the tree stand daily
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- Do not connect more strands of lights than what's recommended by the manufacturer
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving your home or going to bed

The trees for this demonstration were donated by Van Laeken Farms in Ridgefield. Paul Davis Restoration and Parr Lumber donated the materials to build the mock rooms. Because so much effort went into planning this demonstration, Fire Dist 6 is asking that the media RSVP to this event.

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Where: 505 NW 179th St., Ridgefield, WA

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