



Let's Talk Disaster Resilience

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Covid-19 infections continue to rise on the Oregon Coast and throughout our state country. Please be mindful this holiday season to do what the season teaches: think of your family, your friends and your neighbors.

Stay home! Mask up! Keep your distance! Wash your hands frequently!

We want everyone to be here next year!

Here are a few holiday safety tips:

1. Make sure your tree is not a fire hazard! Cut off 2 inches from the bottom so water can be better absorbed. Use a heavy solid tree stand.
2. Check all your lights for any damage or bare wires! Never use indoor lights outside and never connect more than 3 strands of lights together. Don't overload circuits!
3. Watch out for poisonous plants such as holly berries, mistletoe, poinsettia, amaryllis! **Oregon Poison Control Center: 503-494-8600**
4. Do not burn wrapping paper, wreaths or trees in your fireplace or wood stove!
5. Be very cautious with candles! Trim wicks to ¼ inch! Never leave candles unattended!
6. If you must travel, remember your emergency car kit! Please reread my column from September 2020!
7. Never go to bed with your Christmas lights on or a candle burning!
8. Watch out for scams - "tis the season!"

Whether you are preparing for an earthquake/tsunami, a wind storm, a wild fire or the holidays, assess the situation, take precautions and have a plan. Don't take chances. Your safety is the number one priority!

Be safe, stay healthy and enjoy this holiday season!

Happy Holidays and here's to a better 2021.