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## Condo Smarts

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Every year we respond to strata communities suffering needless damage and costly conflicts. Here is a list of holiday tips that will make your season brighter.

1. Don't drag dead Christmas Trees through the buildings and elevators.
2. Don't use the holiday season to perform your overdue oil change in the parkade.
3. Don't wash down the deck when it's sub-zero.
4. Don't throw Christmas Trees off balconies.
5. Don't spread ready mix concrete (read: evaporated glue) instead of salt or sand on icy surfaces.
6. Don't drill holes in your buildings for lights or power.
7. Don't tie a three-metre inflatable snowman to your roof.
8. Don't wait till the freeze to salt and shovel the walks and driveways.
9. Don't go away and leave your heat off.
10. Don't use portable gas camping heaters in the buildings.
11. Don't burn candles near trees.
12. Don't let your dog eat five pounds of chocolate, or any chocolate for that matter.
13. Don't throw the turkey carcass down the garbage chute.
14. Don't cram 25 people onto your balcony.
15. Don't set off fireworks in the courtyard.
16. Don't bring in live trees without first checking for ants.
17. Don't leave alcoholic beverages on common property.
18. Don't burn the Christmas paper, decorations or tree in the fireplace.
19. Don't buy pets for gifts without checking the strata pet bylaws first.
20. Do have a safe and happy holiday season.

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