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****HOA ALERT****

Keep Yourself Out of the Doghouse this Holiday Season....

Holiday Decorating Tips Sponsored by City Property Management

*One of the Valley's Biggest HOA Management Group Saves homeowners from the
decorating Pink Slips*



(PHOENIX) – It is no wonder Arizonans love to decorate their home for the holidays, with the nicest December weather and best managed Home Owners Associations in the country, Valley residents put a lot of love and time into decorating.

But when you live a home owners association those delightful decorations may be a nuisance to your neighbor. Bright and noisy displays can quickly wear out their welcome and religious decorations could offend others.

To ease the tension this holiday season, one of the largest HOA management companies in the Valley and locally owned, **City Property Management** offers these tips to decorators and

HOA's:

If you are a homeowner in a HOA:

1. Check to see if your HOA has a policy on holiday decorations.
2. If you're new to the association, check with your neighbors to find out what's really allowed.
3. Review AZ laws on HOA rules and policies. Sometimes state laws may override HOA rules.
4. Can't survive the holidays without stringing up some lights? Go to a board meeting and state your case. Bring a short proposal to modify HOA rules on decorations.
5. Consider your neighbors and how your decorations may affect them.

If you are a board member of your HOA:

1. Be reasonable with your rules. The holidays are a time of joy—don't quash it with heavy handed rules. Regulations around noise-emitting or religious decorations may be all that's needed. Or consider timelines on how long decorations can be up.

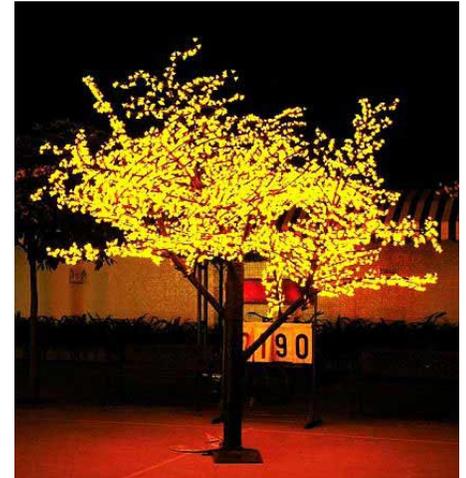
2. Remember that decorations that appear to favor one religion over another could face discrimination claims under the Fair Housing Act and other housing laws. If your HOA does want to decorate for the holidays, be sure to put up only general decorations in common areas.
3. Consider homeowner safety. Decorations that must be anchored to the ground could pose a tripping hazard.

City Property currently manages more than **286 homeowner associations** in Arizona, some for as long as 20 years. City Property believes Valley residents often have peace of mind knowing a Valley family with more than 160 employees is managing their day-to-day comfort as well as the long-term preservation and enhancement of their neighborhoods.

To set-up an interview with a spokesperson from City Property Management please contact Jennifer Parks at 480.495.3806 or for more information visit CPM's website at <http://www.cityproperty.com/>.

About City Property Management

Since 1979, City Property Management has provided professional community management at planned unit developments, single-family communities, townhomes and condominiums throughout the greater Phoenix area, as well as several smaller cities throughout Maricopa and Pinal counties. City Property Management clients benefit from 30 years of experience in planning and growing communities as well as a knowledgeable team of employees who are fully certified in Arizona. All community managers—many who have been with the company for more than a decade—receive continuing education. City Property Management is a member of the Arizona Association of Community Managers, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, Community Association Institute and Institute of Real Estate Management.



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