

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CHECKLIST



Whether you're planning on lighting up the Christmas tree, real trees, or your whole house, take some time to do a safety check and plan your design before you get stuck in. Here's a few simple tips to help.

BEFORE YOU START

Plan

Draw a quick sketch of your house, and decide where you want to have lights. Measure up the places you want to attach lights, so you know how many sets you'll need.

Power

Figure out where your power sockets are, and whether you'll need extension cords or power boards.

Test

Plug in your lights and test them out before hanging. Closely inspect any older lights for damage, like frayed or exposed wires – if they are, do NOT use as they could be a safety hazard.

Indoor / Outdoor lights

Use indoor products indoors, and outdoor products outdoors. Outdoor rated products will be clearly labelled on the packaging.

GET HANGING

Here are some useful products that make hanging Christmas lights a piece of cake, and will help keep you safe.

Powerboard

It's a good idea to use power boards with overload protection.

RCD

With outdoor lights always use an RCD to protect against electric shocks.

Extension cord

Use outdoor extension cords if you are running the power from inside your house out to your outside.

Extension cord safety lock

Useful when joining extension cords together inside.

Timer

Useful for automatically turning your lights on and off.

Ladder

Stay safe and make sure you use a suitable ladder when hanging lights on high places like trees, rooflines or gutters.

Gutter clips

An easy way to attach lights to your guttering, without damaging them.

Suction cups

The best way to attach lights to window trims and walls. Plan for around 30cm gaps between them.

Cable ties

Use them to attach lights to trees, poles, banisters, and more.

Weed mat staples

Can be used to secure outdoor rope lights to the ground, and help keep them straight – great for lining driveways or paths.

Wire

Can be used to attach lights, and a heavier gage wire can also be used to create shapes for your lights.

String

Another handy option to hang or attach lights.

Twist ties / Garden ties

Useful for attaching lights to things like curtain rails, balustrades, trees, and more. Also useful when storing lights after use.

Cord tidy

Great for storing lights, protecting them in storage, and stopping your lights from getting tangled.



Ask in-store for help and advice

