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## Street tree lighting requirements

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Decorative lights on street trees must be installed and maintained with consideration for:

- Public Safety
- Tree Health
- Access for Tree Maintenance

To address public safety and tree maintenance related needs, the following requirements must be satisfied when installing and maintaining decorative lights on street trees:

### General Requirements

1. Plans to install decorative lights on street trees must have prior approval by the Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF)
2. Maintenance of tree lighting must conform to existing codes in the San Francisco Electrical Code.
3. Attachments to the tree must be done in such a way as not to damage the bark, the cambium or any other part of the tree that these attachments may come in contact with. Inserting nails, screws or staples is not allowed.
4. In order to ensure that trees are not damaged and that maintenance crews are able to maintain trees efficiently, lights are not permitted on street trees for longer than 90 days.

### Temporary Installations: Seasonal – 90 days or less

1. Temporary wiring may be installed using cords with methods that conform to Article 305.
2. Lights installed on a temporary basis can be installed on the end of foliage or the top of the canopy.
3. For permit requirements, please contact the Bureau of Street Use and Mapping at (628) 271-2000.

### Contacts

1. As a first contact for any technical assistance regarding street trees and for plan review, call BUF at (628) 652-TREE.