





A3/ Addendum: Christmas Decorations

As with anything, the critical issue is the identification, and mitigation of risk. As with your fire and Covid-19 cleaning, a risk assessment should be carried out regarding Christmas decorations. For insurance reasons it is advisable to update your current Risk Assessment with how you will deal with Christmas Decorations and date stamp the Risk Assessment.

Christmas trees can be misted with disinfectant between guests. Ensure that you switch off lights at the socket and ensure they are fully dry prior to plugging them in again. Clean and disinfect the plug and socket as you would elsewhere. Alternatively consider using outdoor lights on your indoor tree, using the symbols below. These will not be affected by being sprayed with disinfectant.

Outdoor lighting		Symbol	IP Code
Low ↓ Level of protection ↓ High	Rain-proof		IPX3
	Splash-proof		IPX4
	Jet-proof		IPX5
	Watertight		IPX7

You might consider minimising the level of ancillary decorations, in line with reducing unnecessary surfaces. All objects left on surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected between guests, or possibly rotated and quarantined.

If you provide a Christmas Hamper, you should consider purchasing pre-packed stock in advance and quarantine the goods for 3 days prior to distribution.