

## **Build Holiday Decor into Your Home Design**

Outlets are inexpensive to install during construction, but can be costly to add after your home is completed. Holidays are a perfect time to think about electrical outlets. Keep your needs during outdoor entertaining and evenings in the yard during summer months in mind. When you are making your list of “musts” or as you review your building plans, consider these ideas:

- Place outlets under the eaves of your roof to make it easy to hang lights without dragging out extension cords;
- If you like a lot of outdoor lighting, remember to add outlets to the back and sides of your house.
- Establish a “holiday circuit” that allows you to turn your lights on and off with a switch. You can add the circuit to the indoors as well.
- Take a look at your mantle, around your bannisters and near your window seat, too. Place outlets where you plug in lights or other electric decorations.
- Do you traditionally put “candles” in every window? Make sure you have an outlet near each window.