

Christmas Tree Care

Make a fresh cut (1/2" from the bottom) and immediately put tree into a 10 litre (or greater) pail of water - within 8 hours of the fresh cut the tree will protect itself by secreting a sticky layer over the cut which will prevent the tree from drawing water. Try to leave it in this pail for 24 hours since it will draw 2-6 litres of water in this time frame.

If your tree will not be set up right away store it out of the sun and wind and put a new fresh cut on it before setting it up and follow above instructions

Helpful Hints

- Check the water level daily in the tree stand - it should never dry out
- Tree stand should hold a minimum of 4 litres of water plus the base of the tree
- In the 1st 24 hours the tree will drink 2-6 litres of water
- If the tree stand dries out for 8 hours or more the protective layer will form and no water will be drawn up into the needles. This is what causes needle drop. An example - a tree will drink 37 litres over 17 days.
- Don't add anything to the tree's water - plain tap water is best.
- Place tree well away from heat registers, space heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, televisions, computer monitors and other heat sources. These speed up evaporation and moisture loss of the tree as well as possibly creating a hazard.
- Tuck a tree disposal bag in under the stand - this makes it simple to bag the tree in January, making clean up in the living room and entrance that much easier.