



PLANT CARE SERIES

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Living Christmas Trees

Living Christmas trees are a great way to plant a memory or mark an event. Evergreen trees and the clippings of evergreen shrubs are widely harvested, brought inside to promote good cheer and hope when everything else in the landscape is dead or dormant. Christmas trees remind us of better times to come, the return of a green landscape in the spring. Some people buy a potted or balled Christmas tree with roots intact in order to have a new landscape tree.

PLACEMENT

When selecting an area inside your home to place your living Christmas tree, avoid high room temperatures and placement near heat ducts or wood stoves. This will help prevent the tree from drying out, and breaking dormancy.

PREPARATION

We recommend spraying your tree with Wilt-Stop (an anti-desiccant) before bringing it inside. This will help prevent excessive drying out of the needles. We recommend acclimatizing your tree before bringing it into the house. You can achieve this by bringing it into a garage or shop for a couple days before bringing it into the house.

LIMITATIONS

Limit the stay in the house to 7 days maximum! We prefer 5 days.

WATERING

Water the tree thoroughly before placing it in your home. Check the soil every third day for moisture. Ice cubes work well if applied all along the root zone. REMEMBER, the pots have drainage holes in them, so you need to have a container underneath to catch extra moisture.

LIGHTS

If you are using lights on the tree, use only the miniature ones. Limit the use to 4 hours maximum per day. They really prefer having no lights at all.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

The tree should be planted outside as soon as possible. Avoid extreme freezing temperatures. Place the tree in the garage for two days after taking it out of the house so it can get re-adjusted to the cooler temperatures. The tree should NOT be left in the garage for more than a week.

PLANTING

When planting your tree, dig a hole twice as large as the root ball and fill with a mixture of 1/3 Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost with 2/3 existing soil. (See our Planting Guide for further details). Once the planting hole is dug carefully place your tree into the hole, being careful not to break the ball. The top of the root ball should be ½" to 1" above existing soil level. Once you have obtained the right level, cut the twine from around the trunk of the tree and peel back the burlap, and cut the burlap so it is below the soil level. DO NOT remove the burlap. Water your tree in with Bonide Root & Grow. If you live in a windy area consider staking or guying the tree. This will help the tree to root out and become established sooner.

If you are going to leave your tree in the container, plant with Gardner & Bloome Potting Soil. Be sure to remove the string from around the trunk of the tree and cut back the burlap to below soil level.

CARE

As with any newly planted shrub or tree, watering must be carefully attended to for the first few years. Fertilize in the spring with Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer.

CHECK LIST

- Wilt Stop
- Drain Tray
- Bonide Root & Grow
- Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost
- Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer