

# Living Christmas Tree Care

Celebrate the holiday season by decorating a beautiful living tree in your home, then enjoy it for years to come as a permanent landscape plant. It's environmentally friendly, cost effective and easy to do if you follow a few simple, but important, instructions to ensure that your tree stays in good health throughout the transition.

- We recommend that you have your tree in the house for no longer than 7 to 10 days. The less time indoors, the better. Remember, your tree is dormant so if it remains indoors or is too warm for too long, it may break dormancy and suffer damage when placed back outdoors in the cold.
- Before bringing your trees indoors, water the tree well. Thoroughly soak the entire root ball, not just the outer surface. To help reduce stress and shock, spray your tree with "Wilt Stop".
- Once inside the house, try to locate it in a cooler part of the house, far from any heating ducts, fireplaces, appliances and certainly not near a wood stove. Use only 'cool' lights (or no lights) – 'hot' lights may burn the foliage. Place a saucer under the pot so you can apply a quart or two of water every few days. One of the easiest ways to water is to place ice cubes on the soil surface.
- When moving your tree outdoors, plant it as soon as possible using good horticulture practices in its permanent location. If the temperatures outside are near freezing, temporarily place it where the root ball will be sheltered from harsh freezes, in such places as an unheated garage.

We hope you enjoy your living Christmas tree this season and outside for many years to come. Let us know if you have any questions. May all be merry and bright this holiday season!