

Tree Care

1. If you are not putting your tree up right away, store it in an unheated garage or in some other area out of the wind and freezing cold temperatures. Make a fresh one-inch cut on the trunk and place the tree in a bucket of warm water.
2. Before you decide to bring your tree indoors, make another fresh one-inch cut on the trunk and place the tree in a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water. *Note: In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.*
3. Be sure to keep the water level about the base of your tree. If the base dries out resin will form over the trunk and the tree will not be able to absorb water, resulting in the tree drying out very quickly. Plain water will keep a tree fresh, so commercially prepared mixes are not necessary.
4. Recycle your tree after Christmas. Many communities will pick up trees and turn them into mulch. You may want to put your tree in your backyard and place bread and/or seed among the branches for the birds.