



## Keep your Cut Christmas Tree Fresh and Fragrant longer!

Christmas trees are the primary ingredient to many Holiday events. We are always eager to go out and pick up our tree as soon as possible, so that we can enjoy it longer. But, at the same time, we are hesitant because we do not want the tree to dry out or die off before Christmas. Here are some simple steps to take to ensure that your tree stays fresh all the way up until Santa comes clamoring down the chimney.

### **BEFORE YOU BRING YOUR TREE INDOORS:**

1. Spray your tree with **Cloud Cover** to help the needles preserve freshness and their moisture.
2. Make a fresh cut of at least 1/2" off the trunk of the tree to allow the tree to take up water. Your tree needs to be set up **IMMEDIATELY** after making this fresh cut (within 15 minutes at the most!) If the trunk is not immediately and constantly immersed in water, it will seal off and not be able to take up water.

### **CARING FOR A CUT TREE INDOORS:**

1. Once the stand is mounted and your tree is properly situated in its place of glory for the season (far away from heater ducts and/or fireplaces!), fill the water tray with luke warm water.
2. Add **Keeps-it-Green liquid** to the water, to help keep the tree fresher longer.
3. Check the water level in your tree stand daily. Always keep the trunk immersed in water. I recommend keeping the stand as full as possible without spilling over.



**Did you know.... that Cut Christmas trees are good for the environment!?**

Many feel that mass production of cut Christmas trees are a bad idea, that you are in essence “murdering” a tree. However, that is simply not true! Here are some ways that farming Christmas trees is good for the environment:

1. Christmas trees are farmed on land that would otherwise be used for some concrete structure.
2. The large number of trees “clean” the air. Nothing beats a Fir tree in cleansing the air and emitting pure oxygen, and the large mass plantings are a major factor in Oregon’s famous clean air.
3. Many tree farms are placed on land that is unusable in any other way, such as hillsides that equipment can’t get over. The Christmas trees are removed by helicopter, so there is no problem with destroying the land. If the land were left unused, erosion would be a problem, but planted trees are the best natural erosion control.
4. The Christmas tree market creates many jobs and keeps farmers employed through the winter.