



## Keep your Living Christmas Tree alive through the holiday season!

Living Christmas trees are an excellent option for many homeowners. Given the proper care, the trees can be indoors for the main event, and then planted in the yard to enjoy for years to come.

Here's where the "proper care" comes in. It really is very important that your live tree does not remain indoors for too long and isn't allowed to dry out. After the holiday, get your tree planted as soon as possible.

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

1. Place the tree outdoors in partial sunlight for one week prior to taking indoors. (This will help to acclimate the tree before taking it indoors.) Water daily, thoroughly soaking the tree until a substantial amount of water is flowing out of the bottom drain holes.
2. The day before you bring your tree indoors, spray it off (hose it down!) with a water hose to remove dust and insects. It is natural for dead needles to accumulate in pine trees. Simply clean out the needles by hand.
3. Finally, we suggest spraying your tree with **Cloud Cover** to protect against dehydration.

### **CARING FOR YOUR LIVE TREE INDOORS:**

**Note: Your Living Christmas tree must only remain indoors for 7 days at the most; otherwise it will begin to break dormancy and won't survive outdoors.**

1. Set the tree in a large tray to catch water overflow and protect your floors.
2. Place the tree in front of, or as near as possible to a window, and AWAY from a fireplace or heater duct.
3. Continue to water your tree daily, except now use ice cubes or cold water to help keep the tree cool and prevent it from breaking dormancy, and don't water as deeply. You don't want your tree to sit in a tray with water.
4. Keep the room temperature as cool as possible, and DO NOT place the tree near a fireplace or heater duct.

## REMOVING A TREE FROM INDOORS:

1. Place your tree in a shady spot and out of the wind (on the North or East side of the house) until you're ready to plant. Trees can be wind-burned and are prone to sun scald if left on the south or west side of a house.
2. Water the tree thoroughly immediately after transferring outdoors. Then water once a week thereafter unless sufficient natural moisture occurs.

**NOTE: Trees may be planted any time during the winter if the soil is not frozen. It is best to plant the tree as soon as possible. If the tree is to be left in a pot, water every 3-5 days.**

Check our [Planting & Watering Guide](#) for what to do next!