



HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Your Christmas tree doesn't have to be dragged to the curb after New Year's Day. If you purchase a live tree as your Christmas tree, it can be a lasting addition to your landscape. The following directions must be followed, however, to get your tree off to a successful start.

1 Dig a hole for the tree before the ground freezes. The hole should be approximately twice the width of the rootball and only just as deep. Fill the hole with leaves or mulch and cover the hole with a board. Store excavated soil where it will not freeze.

2 Spray tree, while it is still outside with *Wilt-Pruf* to help prevent tree from drying out.

3 About one week before you intend to bring your tree indoors to decorate, place the tree in an enclosed but unheated area such as a garage. This transitional stage lessens the shock to the tree as it goes from cold to hot.

4 When you bring your tree indoors, place it in a leak-proof container. Put just enough water in the container to keep the rootball moist but not saturated. Keep your tree away from any vents, wood stoves or other heat sources. Decorate.

5 Check daily for water.

6 Do not leave your tree in the house for more than seven days.

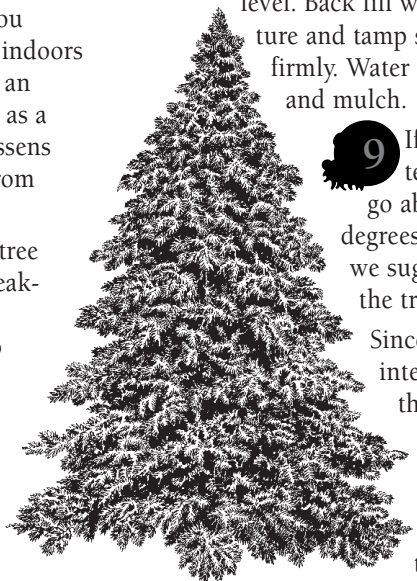
7 Remove tree decorations and return tree to the enclosed, unheated area for one week.

8 Your tree can now be planted in the ground. Mix 2/3 of the excavated soil with 1/3 organic humus and a small amount of peat moss. Add *Roots 1-Step For Planting and Transplanting* to the soil mixture to stimulate new root growth. Remove mulch or leaves from hole. Place tree ball in hole, make sure that the top of the root ball sits even with or slightly above ground level. Back fill with soil mixture and tamp soil down firmly. Water the tree well and mulch.

9 If winter temperatures go above 50 degrees Fahrenheit, we suggest watering the tree again.

Since we are interfering with the natural growth cycle of these trees, their survival through the season cannot be

guaranteed. However, customers who have purchased living trees from us and followed these guidelines have reported 80-85% success rate.



CARING FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GREENS

Extend the life of your fresh greens by following these easy steps:



SOAK GREENS: Immerse in cold water overnight or up to 24 hours. The needles will soak up the moisture. The addition of *Prolong* to the soaking water will extend the freshness of your greens even further. A good location for this job is a laundry or bath tub.



DRY: Allow greens to drip dry for an hour or so in a shady well-ventilated area.



Spray with *Wilt-Pruf** until dripping wet. This seals the moisture into the needles, extending the life of your greens. (*Note: *Wilt-Pruf* will seal in the scent of the greens and will also turn blue evergreens to green.)



Dry: Allow the greens to dry thoroughly after spraying and before decorating and hanging.



Keep greens in a cool location: Keep out of direct sunlight and away from all heat sources.

