

How to care for your fresh cut Christmas tree

- Make a fresh cut on the trunk of the tree to remove about 1/2" of the base. Our Staff can do this and you can install the tree in the stand the same day. If you are waiting until the next day or weekend, make a fresh cut right before you install the tree in the stand.
- Place the tree in water as soon as possible. A fresh cut tree will absorb large amounts of water, especially the first few days once it is in your house. As a general rule, stands should be able to hold at least 2 gallons of water. Tree Stands can be purchased at the Farm.
- Keep trees away from fireplaces, heaters, furnace vents or other major sources of heat.
- Check the water level daily. Make sure the bottom of the trunk is below the water level.
- Turn off tree lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Monitor the tree for freshness. If properly taken care of a fresh cut tree can last several weeks. When the tree appears to be dried out, it is time to remove it from the house.
- Please recycle your tree. There are several recycling options available.

How to care for your live potted tree (Balled and Burlaped dug tree)

- If you choose to buy a live tree that can be planted outside, consider site selection and what type of tree you are looking for. We have a nice selection of Canaan Fir, Norway Spruce, Blue Spruce and White Spruce. You may consider picking a location and digging a hole for planting while the weather is mild. The hole could be backfilled with mulch or leaves until you're ready to plant.
- Keep in mind that if you plan to bring the tree indoors, balled and burlaped dug trees are very heavy and bulky.
- Once indoors, place the root ball in a plastic or metal tub. Tubs are available for purchase at the Farm.
- The tree will need adequate amounts of water to keep the root ball damp but not saturated. Monitor the root ball's water intake daily.
- Do not leave a live tree indoors for more than 2 weeks (3 weeks maximum).
- Do not move the tree from a warm home to freezing temperatures. Instead store the tree in an unheated porch or garage for a few days to provide a transition to colder outside temperatures.
- If the ground is unfrozen, plant the tree as soon as possible.
- When planting, do not remove the burlap or metal basket from the root ball.
- Allow the top of the root ball to be even with or slightly raised above ground level.
- Remove twine or strapping from tree trunk (base of tree).
- Place mulch around the base of the tree to keep in moisture and allow protection from extreme temperatures.
- During the spring and summer, if rainfall is low, the tree should be watered.