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## LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Andy's would like to congratulate you on your decision to buy a live Christmas tree! To help this holiday tree become a permanent addition to your home landscape, here are a few hints from us for its indoor and outdoor care.

### *INDOORS*

It's best to temper your tree before bringing it indoors. Place it in an unheated garage for 1 - 2 days, and then bring it into the house. It is a good idea to spray your tree with an anti-desiccant, such as Wilt-Pruf, which will reduce the moisture loss during the period your tree is indoors.

Place your tree in the coolest part of the room, away from radiators and heat vents. A galvanized wash tub filled with shredded paper or mulch serves as an excellent container for your tree. Protect your floor or carpet with a sheet of plastic under the tub.

Water your tree every other day with at least one quart of water each time. Try to minimize the length of time your tree lights are turned on. Miniature lights are best. Your tree may drop some needles, which is normal, and does no harm. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TREE IN THE HOUSE LONGER THAN 5-7 DAYS.**

### *OUTDOORS*

It's best to cover the area where you will be planting your tree with leaves or mulch to help prevent the ground from freezing. You may prefer to dig the planting hole early and cover it with boards to prevent someone from stepping or falling into it.

Once again, temper your tree before bringing it indoors by placing it in an unheated garage for 1-2 days.

Dig your planting hole at least 12" wider than your tree's root ball (the wider the better), and 2-3 LESS THAN the heights of the root ball. When your tree is placed in the hole, 2-3" of the root ball will sit above the ground level. Using the original soil, make a mix of 2/3 soil and 1/3 peat moss or compost. Fill around the root ball, firming the soil lightly. Water thoroughly. Place a 2-3" layer of mulch over the soil surface, to help insulate and retain moisture over the winter. Water your new tree once or twice each month during the winter.

Now, your holiday tree is ready to become a part of your home's landscaped beauty.



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one flower at a time.*