



# Andy's Garden

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## *Care & Handling of Fresh Cut Christmas Greens*



Fresh cut Christmas greens are essential and traditional ingredients in creating the ambience of the holiday season. Fresh trees, wreaths, swags, and roping accent special places both indoors and out, as reminders of the great outdoors.

Since greens are presumed to be tough, they are often neglected. In all the wealth of care and handling information, Christmas greens seem to be somewhat overlooked. Actually, their general requirements are nearly identical to other fresh cut flowers and foliage. When cared for properly, their beauty can be prolonged.

1. Keep greens away from heat and sun.
2. Add water daily.
3. Increase humidity through misting.
4. Store greens in a cool place at night or when not enjoying them.
5. Replace greens before needle drop becomes too severe.
6. Use an anti-dessicant on the leaf or needle surface. (Prolong, Wilt Pruf)

Everyone can relate to the joy of working with fresh Christmas greens. This excitement can fade when these same greens become dull, losing their leaves or needles and fragrance. Giving special attention to the care and handling of this product will help keep the Christmas spirit alive and prolong the enjoyment of this traditional symbol of a beautiful holiday season.

*Making the world beautiful  
one flower at a time.*

