

CHRISTMAS TREE TIPS

FOR CUT & LIVE TREES

Cut Trees. We stock a lot full of fresh cut trees-in all sizes, types, and prices. We want to make the tree shopping experience a positive and memorable one so we will always make a fresh cut, shake the tree to eliminate excess needles, wrap it, tie it to your vehicle and provide you with a complimentary tree bag. Additionally, we spray all our trees with an anti-desiccant, Wilt-stop, as an extra step to ensure continued freshness.

For best results. Drive straight home after the tree is cut. Put the tree into a bucket of HOT water immediately once home while preparing stand. If the tree rests for more than 30 minutes before going into water, the end may begin to callous over and tree might refuse to drink. Make a fresh cut. Trees will drink A LOT of water the first few days- DO NOT ALLOW STAND TO EMPTY! Always use very hot water to refill the stand. Always use a tree preservative in the water for best results.

For Live Trees. More and more people are choosing to use a live tree for their Christmas celebration; there's no tree to throw away at the end of the season plus you're left with a special memory for each year. The most common choices for living Christmas trees are Spruces, such as the **Colorado Spruce**, **Black Hills Spruce**, or **Alberta Spruce**, or Pines, such as the **White Pine** or **Austrian Pine**. With care and planning, your Christmas tree will serve as a living memory for many years.

1. Dig the hole. Mix the dirt 50/50 with Cotton Boll Compost and store the dirt in buckets in a dry place where it won't freeze.
2. Now you can pick out your Christmas tree. Be sure to keep in mind the final size of the mature tree and pick an appropriate location.
3. Place your tree in an unheated garage for 2 days before it goes inside. Soak your tree thoroughly before it goes into the house. You might want to place your tree atop a large saucer in case it needs watering again inside the house. Your tree will only want to be inside the house for 7-10 days at the most. Spraying your tree with an anti-desiccant, like Wilt-stop, is also encouraged.
4. Once you're ready to plant your tree return it to the garage for 2 more days-you can skip this step if the temperature is above 50 degrees. Place your tree in the pre-dug hole and fill in with your soil mix. Water in well and enjoy your new holiday tradition!

