

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE



A real Christmas tree is a festive addition to any home, bringing with it beautiful smells and a festive green colour. With this though the tree does also require some tender loving care to ensure that it survives until Christmas Day and beyond.

CUT TREES

With a cut tree firstly enquire as to when the tree was cut, the longer the tree has been cut the harder it will be to ensure the tree keeps its needles.

A FEW TIPS ON KEEPING A THRIVING CHRISTMAS TREE THIS YEAR:

- When driving home with the tree, if it is on top of your car, wrap with a tarpaulin or sheet to ensure it does not get damaged by the wind on the journey.
- Saw off a couple of inches from the bottom of the trunk to allow the tree to absorb water. This is just a straight cut across the trunk.
- Place in a stand with space to hold enough water to feed the tree, a freshly cut tree can consume 4.5 litres a day.
- Keep the stand filled with water, never let it go beneath the tree's base to ensure it maintains its freshness.
- Try to keep the tree outside for as long as possible bringing it in as close to Christmas day as you can, this will increase the longevity of the trees needles.
- When brought indoors, do not put near a heat source, the cooler the room the better the tree will do.
- With care a cut tree should last 4 weeks.

TREES GROWN IN POTS

- Keep the tree watered.
- Try to keep the tree outside for as long as possible bringing it in as close to Christmas day as you can, this will increase the longevity of the trees needles.
- Do not keep a living tree in the home longer than 12 days, be guided by the tree if it looks as though it is unhappy or changing then put it back outside for a few days.
- Do not put near a heat source, the cooler the room the better the tree will do. Heat makes the tree's needles drop.
- It can be used year on year if looked after correctly.

CONTINUING THE GROWTH OF A POTTED CHRISTMAS TREE

After Christmas, a potted Christmas tree can be planted in the garden and continue to grow into a full tree or it can be re-potted into a larger pot so it can be brought into the house year on year, this can continue until it has reached a maximum size that is comfortable to move.

3 TOP TIPS

- > Water daily
- > Away from radiators
- > Indoors no longer than 12 days

