



TREASURE VALLEY GROWN
FARM SEEDS

CARING FOR YOUR LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

You get the best of both worlds when you choose to display a living Christmas tree in your home— a beautiful, unique tree for indoors as well as a tree you will be able to enjoy for years and years to come when planted outside after the holiday season is over! Some people have even made a tradition out of holding a post-Christmas tree planting celebration! Whatever your reason, here are a few important and handy tips to help you keep your evergreen tree in tip-top shape!

1. Gradually introduce your living tree from outside to inside over three to four days in your garage or enclosed porch. A tree that is dormant and exposed to immediate warmth will start to grow (you want to avoid any quick resumption of growth). Water well.
2. While the tree is introduced into the house in your porch or garage, check for any insects.
3. Visit us to purchase a spray with an anti-desiccant or anti-wilt product (Wilt Pruf) to minimize needle loss (do this during the introduction phase). This product will not only reduce needle loss, it will prevent the loss of valuable moisture lost in a climate controlled home.
4. Put your tree in the coolest part of the room and away from heating ducts. Doing this, coupled with the anti-wilt product, will keep the tree moist and prevent the loss of valuable moisture.
5. Leave inside no longer than 4-5 days. If you watered your tree in the introduction phase, you should not need to water it while inside. Make sure to water well when you plant outside. **Do not** fertilize— remember you don't want to encourage growth in a dormant tree.
6. When Christmas is over, introduce your tree back outside using the reverse procedure, and plant. Water in well. Because we live in a climate where soils freeze, you should prepare a planting hole in advance during days where we experience more moderate temperatures.