

How to care for your Live Christmas Tree

A Garden Guide

Digging the Hole:

- **Dig the hole now** ~ Dig the hole ahead of time in case the ground freezes.
- **Dig a wide hole** ~ 3 times as wide as the rootball, but no deeper than the rootball.
- **Amend the soil** ~ With 50% soil conditioner, mixing well with 50% native soil.

Moving the tree:

- **Water generously before moving** ~ Then let dry enough that it won't be drippy when moving.
- **Take inside gradually** ~ Leave in an unheated basement or similar area for a few days before taking inside.
- **Placement** ~ Don't put too close to your fireplace, stove, or other sources of heat.
- **Keep rootball moist** ~ Ice cubes work well since they release their water slowly, are not messy, and will keep the rootball moist. Remember to protect your floor from excessive moisture.
- **Take outside gradually** ~ Move back to an unheated basement or similar area before taking outside.

Plant your Christmas tree:

- **Plant as soon as possible** ~ Ideally your tree would remain inside no more than a couple days. Planting your tree can become part of your family tradition and treasured memories.
- **Plant at the same depth** the tree was originally growing.
- **Cut any strings or wires** that circle the tree's trunk.
- **Water well** ~ 1" of water per week for the whole first year and during dry periods thereafter.
- **Note** ~ Trees brought indoors are not covered by our warranty. Vers. 1.1 Nov. 21

