



Old Time  
Christmas  
Tree Farm

# Tree Care

## INSTRUCTIONS

There's nothing quite like the smell of a fresh cut Christmas tree. Here are some simple, yet extremely important steps you should take when you arrive home with your tree to keep it looking and smelling its best all the way through Christmas!

### MAKE A FRESH CUT

As soon as you get home, cut an additional 1/2 inch off the trunk. Even if you only live a few minutes away, your tree's trunk can sap over in a short amount of time. The sap will prevent the tree from taking in water and will cause the tree to dry out prematurely.

### CHECK THE WATER

Fill the stand with water and check the water level 2 to 3 times a day. A fresh cut tree can drink up to a gallon or more per day, especially the first few days. Never let the water level fall below the base of the trunk! If this happens, sap will form and prevent the tree from drinking, even if you keep adding water.

### USE A PRESERVATIVE

This is optional - we recommend and sell Forest Fresh™ Tablets. Adding sugar, sprite, or anything else to the water is NOT recommended.



### FIND A GOOD SPOT

You should place your tree away from fireplaces, furnaces, air vents, and direct sunlight. These things can all cause the tree to dry out prematurely.

### USE THE RIGHT STAND



If you have small children or pets, you should opt for a larger stand for stability. A larger stand will also hold more water. We recommend and sell Cinco™ plastic stands.

### USE THE RIGHT LIGHTS

Use energy efficient Christmas lights that produce minimum heat. If any lights are broken or damaged, replace them. Always turn your lights off before bed or before leaving the house.



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