



The Plant Kingdom

Garden Center & Landscape Service

How to Care for Your Christmas Tree

The Plant Kingdom team is here to help make your holiday celebration as seamless and successful as possible. Here are a few important tips to help you select and care for your Christmas tree.

Cut Christmas Trees

There are a few simple steps you can take to maintain the freshness of your premium fresh-cut Fraser Fir Christmas tree:

1. Make a fresh cut by removing a ½ inch slice.
2. Place the tree in water as soon as possible. Most sources give a 4-6 hour window to place in water before a new cut would have to be made. There is no need to add anything to the water in your stand. The best site indoors for your cut Christmas tree is an area away from a heater, air vent, fireplace, or direct sunlight, all of which can increase the moisture loss of your tree. If your tree is not going to be brought indoors immediately, it is best to store it in a cool, shady area outside standing in water.
3. Check the water level in your stand daily. Initially, trees may take up a lot of water and should be checked more often. Do not let the water source run dry. Properly cared for trees can last up to five weeks.

At The Plant Kingdom, we have expert Tree Wranglers ready to help make this process hassle free. The following is a list of complimentary services provided by our team:

- Our trees on display are kept in water
- A fresh cut is made once your tree is selected
- If you bring or purchase a tree stand we can place the tree in the stand for you (no spike stands)
- We will bail your tree for ease in loading and bringing it inside your home
- Our team will load and secure the tree in or on your vehicle for a safe drive home

Living Christmas Trees

When choosing a live Christmas tree there are a few simple steps to follow to ensure it's success once it is planted in the garden:

1. Choose an evergreen variety that is appropriate for the area you want to plant it in after the holidays. You should also select a plant that is of manageable size and weight that can be safely moved in and out of your home. Caution, the evergreen may be heavier than it looks. Keep in mind that not all evergreens make great living Christmas trees. Nordman Fir and Oriental Spruce are excellent choices because they have a high tolerance for abrupt environmental changes, softer needles, and beautiful branches for all of your ornaments.
2. Keep your tree outside in a protected location until it is time to bring it inside. We recommended that the tree be indoors no more than 3-4 days. This is very important!
3. Water your tree a few days before bringing it inside. This will give time for any excess water to drain away. If your tree is indoors for only the 3-4 day window, no additional water should be needed.
4. Protect your floor by placing your tree inside a decorative container. You may also want to use a heavy duty saucer, cork mat, and/or floor guard to prevent water from seeping out and damaging your floor.
5. After the holidays your tree should be planted as soon as possible. Ease the transition to the outdoors by placing your tree in an unheated garage or similarly protected but still cool spot for a few days. This will help acclimate your tree to the cold again. Planting and watering instructions are the same as we would recommend otherwise. Ask a team member about our year-round tree installation program. Our professional team is here to help.

Christmas Tree Accessories

We have a variety of Christmas tree accessories available at The Plant Kingdom:

- Our *Cinco Plastic Christmas Tree Stands* are a great investment. These stands are “made of virgin, high-impact polypropylene giving the stand body to assure durability and reliability. With a low, wide, and generous water holding reservoir, this [classic] model accommodates low branches and keeps the tree fresh. Steel spikes at the center of the reservoir anchor the tree safely, preventing shifts and makes set-up a snap. Reinforced holes on the outer edge of the stand allow attachment to plywood if additional stability is needed when used with an extra-large tree. A spill guard prevents over-filling mishaps”.
- Using a *Christmas Tree Removal Bag* makes clean up a breeze. During the holidays use it as a tree skirt and floor guard; then, after the holidays pull the skirt up, tie at the top, and take outside for a no-mess removal.
- The *Holiday Floor Guard* protects against spills, stains, scratches, and needle drop. This product is easy to use, durable, reusable, and fits under most tree skirts.

On behalf of our entire team we wish you a joyful, successful, and safe holiday season!