



How To Care For Your Bell's Nursery Christmas Tree

Preparation

- Avoid freezing temperatures for your tree. Hard freezing hastens needle drop.
- Store the tree in a bucket of water in a cool room or garage until you are ready.
- A fresh 1/2"-1" cut should be made on trees that are not put up within 5-6 hours. A fresh surface should be creamy white, not yellow or brown
- Do not remove the outer bark and wood to make the tree fit in the stand. The outer rings of the wood absorb water better than the inner.
- Wash your tree stand with a capful of bleach and one cupful of water. Rinse well. This procedure reduces the growth of micro-organisms that block the tree's ability to absorb water.

Watering

- Check the water level in the morning and evening. A tree will drink at least a quart of water per day. A tree will also drink more water if placed near a heat source.
- Use warm water, for a tree will drink warm water more readily than cold.
- Mix a Christmas tree preservative (such as Keeps-It Green) in with the water, according to manufacturer's instructions.

Safety Considerations

- Avoid placing your tree near heat sources, such as candles, sunny windows, heating vents, wood stoves, fireplaces and heat producing appliances (TV's, stoves, microwaves).
- Use miniature lights to prevent heat build-up.
- Turn off your tree lights when leaving the house or retiring for the evening.
- Take the tree down when the needles start dying and discard your tree by using the bag provided.

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