

# Caring for your Christmas Tree

***Follow these simple steps to help prolong the life of your tree:***

- Saw a couple inches off the bottom of the trunk of your tree before setting in water. When trees are cut, pitch oozes out and seals the pores. By sawing off the base, you will open up the pores, and the tree will be able to absorb water.
- Use a stand that fits your tree. Avoid whittling the sides of the trunk down to fit a stand as the outer layers of wood soak up the most water.
- Watering is critical. A freshly-cut tree can consume over 3 litres of water in 24 hours! Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Keep the tree away major sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, direct sunlight). The lower the temperature, the better the tree will do.
- Be sure to use lights that produce low heat and always turn off the tree lights when leaving the house or when going to bed.
- Most of all, enjoy the fresh scent of Christmas and have a happy holiday!

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