



Getting the best from your cut Christmas tree

Here's a few pointers to ensure that it stays in peak condition right through the Christmas period...

- Chop off the last inch or so of the trunk to create a fresh “wound”. This will allow your tree to suck up water to keep it alive and healthy.
- Stand the freshly cut trunk in a bucket of water outside for at least a couple of hours – ideally overnight or longer (even for days or weeks).
- Before bringing the tree into the house, take the netting off it, and then lift the tree and bang it down hard on its base a few times. This will allow any loose needles to drop off ... outside, rather than on your floor.
- Once you have the tree inside, put it in its base or stand and secure it in place. If you don't have one already, we have stands for sale that hold water so your tree can take up the water.
- Make sure you position it away from any direct source of heat. Heat will destroy the tree quickly, so if it must be positioned near a radiator, turn that radiator off or right down.
- Leave the tree to stand for a couple of hours before you start to decorate it. This allows the branches to drop down into their natural position, before you add any weight to them.
- Ensure you regularly top up the base or stand with water. Treat your tree as you would a cut flower ... it needs water to keep fresh and healthy.