



How to Care for Your Real Christmas Tree

Ensure that your real tree will last throughout the Christmas season by following these tips:

Choose a Quality Tree

At Claussen's you will find a huge selection of Vermont Fresh Cut (grown in Greensboro Bend, VT) Premium Grade trees to choose from including:

- **Premium Balsam Fir (*Red Tag*)** Fresh Christmas Trees have deep green soft needles. Known for their strong fragrance and shape, balsam fir trees are considered the classic Christmas tree.
- **Premium Fraser Fir (*Lavender Tag*)** Fresh Christmas Trees are often the most popular choice. Frasers are known for their excellent needle retention, strong branches and fragrance.

After you have selected your Christmas Tree

Please see a sales associate to have a fresh clean cut to the base of your tree. Once arriving home keep your Christmas tree in a sheltered, unheated area such as a porch or outside your garage to protect it from the wind, and sun until you are ready to bring it indoors. An occasional rain is helpful if at all possible. Very importantly, keep the trunk of the tree immersed in a bucket of water once arriving home for as long as possible. As this will help prolong the life of the tree once it is moved indoors. This prevents the sap from the tree forming a layer over the cut stump and block the trees' ability to absorb water. If it does, you'll need to make a new cut prior to bringing the tree indoors.

Watering Your Christmas Tree

In order to keep your Christmas tree fresh, it is very important to keep the tree stand filled with water. A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump in four to six hours if the water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water later when the tree stand is refilled. If a seal does form, another fresh cut will need to be made, or the tree will begin to wilt and drop its needles. Please be aware Fresh Christmas Trees have an average expectancy of 3-5 weeks indoors. (if properly cared for).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

-Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm

