

# LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES (Balled and Burlapped)

## FRESH CUT and LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES



Nothing compares with the fragrance of a real Christmas tree in your home during the holiday season.

Live Christmas trees, with their roots intact, provide all the fragrance and holiday charm of fresh cut trees and - with proper care - will decorate your landscape and provide pleasure for years to come too.

### Tips to Ensure You Get the Most From Your Live Christmas Tree

- ?? Select your planting site in advance and make sure that the hole is dug before the ground. Make the hole twice the width of, and as deep as the root ball. Temporarily fill the hole with mulch or cover it with boards for safety. Keep the backfill soil covered with plastic to stop it from freezing.
- ?? When you get your tree home, place it in an unheated garage or protected area for at least a week before moving it into the house. Put it in a large container or tub and keep it watered. Spray the tree with an anti-desiccant spray such as **Wilt-Pruf** to minimize drying.
- ?? When your tree is moved indoors, choose a spot away from sun and heat sources.
- ?? Do not keep your tree indoors for more than a week.
- ?? Only turn your Christmas lights on when necessary.
- ?? Keep your tree well watered.
- ?? After the holidays, move your tree as to an unheated garage or protected area as promptly as possible and keep it well watered.
- ?? After a week, plant your tree by placing it in the planting hole so that the top of the root ball is one to two inches above the surrounding ground level.
- ?? With a mixture of 2 parts soil and 1 part peat moss, backfill around the side of the root ball and pack it firmly as you fill; water well and mulch.
- ?? Water again a week later. Keep the soil around the root ball evenly moist; take into consideration the weather conditions.

# FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

We offer the finest and freshest cut Christmas trees available. Shop early to take advantage of the best selection and freshness.

## Choose From Four of the Best Varieties Available!

### Fraser Fir

One of the best all-around choices. Fraser Fir have silvery-green, inch long needles that have excellent holding capacity. Very dense and perfectly shaped with strong firm branches.

### Balsam Fir

Dark green, inch long, shiny needles, Balsam Fir are dense and perfectly shaped. The most fragrant of the Christmas trees with good needle holding capacity and strong, firm branches.

### Cooks Fir

A cross between Fraser and Balsam Fir. Fragrant and very dense.

### Douglas Fir

Bluish green, slightly longer needles than Balsam Fir. Fragrant with good needle holding capacity and dense appearance.

## Tips to Help Your Fresh Cut Tree Remain Fresh and Fragrant for the Longest Time Possible

?? Keep your tree in a sheltered, unheated area such as a porch or garage to protect it from the wind and sun until you are ready to bring it in.

?? Before you set up your tree, make a fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk (about a quarter inch up from the original cut) and place the tree in a tree stand that holds a gallon of water or more. Put a **Tree Removal Bag** beneath the stand to protect floors and carpets from moisture and to aid with tree removal later. Use **Prolong Tree Preservative** in the water to keep the sap running and your tree fresh longer.

?? **Important:** Keep your tree stand filled with water. A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump in 4-6 hours if the water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water. If a seal does form, another fresh cut will need to be made.

?? A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water or more in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. Water is important because it prevents the needles from drying and dropping off and the boughs from drooping. Water also keeps the tree fragrant.

?? Keep your tree away from heat and drafts such as fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Test your light sets and connections before hanging them on the tree to make sure they're in good working order. You don't want to use sets with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets. Be sure to unplug the lights before you go to bed or leave the house. Never overload electrical circuits.

### The Cut Tree Freshness Test

Gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you. Very few needles should come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Shake or bounce the tree on its stump. You should not see an excessive amount of green needles fall to the ground. Some loss of interior brown needles is normal and will occur over the lifetime of the tree.