



# fresh cut tree care

Now that you have selected me for your special tree, please care for me as you would a fresh bouquet of flowers. As soon as you get home, give me a fresh straight cut across my trunk, about one inch is enough. This opens my "pores" so I can take up water, much like fresh flowers do. Immediately place me in a stand holding from one to three gallons of water or in a bucket of water, if you are not ready to trim me.

Don't ever let the water level drop below the end of my trunk or a seal will form, cutting off my water supply causing me to dry out and lose my needles. A new cut, about a one inch slice off the bottom of my trunk will be necessary to allow me to take up water again. So be sure to check my water supply daily! I like Prolong<sup>®</sup> added to my water, because it helps my needles stay on longer!

I like it cool and safe, so please don't put me by your fireplace, heat source or television sets. I'm a sleepyhead and I like to have my lights unplugged when you go to bed or leave me home alone.

Since I am so nice and fresh, be sure that the light cords and connections you use on me are like new too, so we may all have a safe Christmas.

When Christmas is over, I would like to be put in your yard so you can use me for a bird feeder and shelter during the long winter months or recycle me at one of the County Parks.

My life cycle is now complete and a new tree has been planted where I was born, so you will never have to miss the joy and happiness of a REAL TREE!