

Guide to Ensuring the Quality of Christmas Trees in

Warm Climates

In Storage:



While in Storage Prior to Displaying:

1. Keep the Christmas trees out of the sun and wind until you are ready to sell them.
2. Do not lay trees on surfaces that absorb heat (asphalt, concrete).
3. Stand the tree up right in a shaded area with the end of the trunk placed on moist sawdust. This will help the tree to draw moisture.
4. If you must store trees on their side, lay them on wooden boards or pallets and cover them with burlap. Keep them in a shaded area.
5. If you store trees on their side, do not stack them higher than 4 feet and leave enough space between stacks to allow sufficient air circulation.
6. Keep the trees moist, spray water on them every night. Do not store wet trees in a pile for more than a few days, rotate them if possible, as mold may grow.

On Display:



Displaying Trees on the Lot:

1. While trees are on display, it is best to keep them in a shaded area.
2. Hydrate trees to make them look as fresh as possible. To do this, cut about an inch off of the trunk then place the trunk in water; and keep the water level well above the cut.
3. If the water level falls below the cut, water absorption may cease.

At Home:



Instructions to Your Customer:

1. Cut about an inch or two off of the end of the trunk.
2. Place the tree in a bucket of water with Tree Life nutrient, if they plan to keep it outside until they are ready to display it indoors.
3. Maintain water level above the base of the tree.
4. Keep the tree in a shaded area away from wind.
5. When bringing the tree into the home use a water stand that holds at least 1 gallon of water.
6. A tree can absorb up to 2 gallons of water a day for the first couple of days and then less for the remainder of the season.



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