

GAUDET CHRISTMAS TREES LTD.

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CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

A natural Christmas tree is a living object that people bring into their homes to enjoy through touch, sight and smell. By following three easy steps, the tree that people bring home from your lot could last over a month and retain its freshness and may perhaps even exhibit new bud development, displaying swelling and even shoot elongation.

1 – **FRESH CUT** There must be a fresh $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (2 cm) cut on the tree stump before it is placed in water. The cut must be no more than 6 hours old; otherwise sap will begin to dry and seal the cut. This requirement ensures water uptake.

2 – **STAND WITH ADEQUATE WATER CAPACITY** The second critical point is the need of keeping the tree watered. When the tree is first brought into the home, place in a tree stand capable of holding at least one day's worth of water (1-6 quarts or liters for residential trees). A premium max density 6-8', (2meter) natural tree can draw 1 gallon (4 liters) of water in the first 12-36 hours. This same amount can be taken up each day and for several more before tapering off to lower levels. In a 3 week period the tree can consume 10-12 gallons (50 – 60 liters) of plain water. As a general rule of thumb, many species consume about 1 quart (1 liter) of water / day / inch (2.5 cm) of stem diameter.

3 – **HOT TAP WATER** The first fill should be with hot tap water enabling the sap to flow readily as the tree thaws, and water will be drawn upwards replenishing the moisture to the extremities. If suction stops during the display season, an air pocket develops and a new sap cover can form on the stump, preventing the suction of water and the tree begins to dry out prematurely. Remember, trees well taken care of can start to break bud and begin to flush out with new growth!



We want to maintain people's satisfaction and confidence with their natural tree. To simplify cleanup during the transition to the outdoors, we recommend tucking a moving bag under and around the tree stand. When the tree is being readied for this, slip the bag up and over the tree and hold it shut to prevent needle loss on the floor. Remove the enclosed tree outside, and then tear open the bottom of the bag to remove the tree stand. Another method is to lay your tree onto an old sheet and wrap it up prior to the move outdoors. Cleaning your hands and stand is easy if a citrus based hand-cleaner is utilized.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

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Our website www.treesrus.ca has more details on ensuring the freshness of your natural Christmas tree. You are welcome to use this information to copy onto your own stationary for a hand out.