



Planting a Live Christmas Tree

A live Christmas tree should not be kept inside your home more than 14 days (2 weeks). Remember, keep the root-ball moist at all times, especially when the tree is inside.

Before the ground freezes, dig a hole that is slightly larger than the root-ball. Fill the hole with leaves or hay to prevent freezing. Place the excavated soil in your garage or basement until needed for backfill.

When moving the tree outdoors, after Christmas, it is important to gradually acclimate the tree to cooler temperatures. It is not advisable to move the tree directly from a warm house to a cold yard, as this may shock the plant. Trees need time to adjust to significant changes in temperature. Rather than one move directly from the spot in your warm house to this spot where it is to be planted, we recommend a few intermediate steps.

The first move should be to cooler, yet protected place, such as a garage or shed. This will expose the tree to cooler temperatures; yet keep it warmer than it would be if it was outside. Next, move the tree outdoors to a protected area, such as the side of your house or a porch, where it will be sheltered from cold winds.

If in a few days, when you are finally ready to plant the tree, place it in its hole and back fill with the original soil. The tree should be planted such that the top of the root-ball is level with the ground around it. Do not plant the tree deeper than the top of the root-ball. The burlap can be loosened around the trunk of the tree, but should not be removed completely. Keep the burlap and wire basket intact, as they provide support for the root-ball. Both the burlap and wire basket are biodegradable and will break down in a relatively short period of time.

Water the tree thoroughly after planting and continue watering regularly next spring and next summer.

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