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Live Christmas Trees

Considerations when choosing a Christmas Tree:

- 1) Where are you going to plant your tree after Christmas? Most of the trees we sell as living Christmas trees grow to be 40 feet tall and at least 20 feet wide.
- 2) What type of soil do you have (sandy or clay)? Pine and Spruce trees are sensitive to soil textures and drainage created by the soil.

Caring for your living Christmas Tree:

- ✓ Your tree should be in the house for a week or less!
- ✓ If a garage is available, keep the tree in there for a week before putting it back outside.
- ✓ While outside, water twice a week—**DO NOT** let it become dry!
- ✓ Before bringing it into the house, spray it with **Cloud Cover™** one or two times. This prevents the needles from losing their moisture.
- ✓ While inside, place the tree away from all heat sources fireplaces, space heaters and heating vents, televisions, and electrical appliances.
- ✓ Water daily while inside, **HINT:** Water with ice cubes—it will help keep the tree from breaking dormancy. Also, you could create a siphon system to allow for easier watering while inside.
- ✓ **REMEMBER:** Smaller lights produce less heat! Also, limit the amount of light strings. This will keep your tree fresh through the season and it will prevent burn marks on the needles.

Planting Tips:

- ✓ Plan ahead! Dig your hole now before the ground freezes. Don't forget to cover the hole with plywood so nobody falls in and injures themselves.
AND Keep your soil in a place where it will not freeze!
- ✓ In this area, it is important to cut back the burlap sack the root ball once the tree is in the hole. **THEN** remove as much of the burlap as you can. In other areas it is a common practice to leave the burlap in the hole and allow nature to take its course; however, in Fallon and the surrounding areas, we lack the moisture and microorganisms needed to break down the burlap. Also, with the salts in the water and soil you do not to create a collecting pool.

- ✓ Add **Green Light Root Stimulator & Starter Solution™** (3 ½ Tbsp. per gallon of water) or **SuperThrive™** (one drop per gallon of water) when planting the tree.