

# Living Christmas Trees

Using live trees for holiday decorating is becoming more popular each year. There are two advantages to using a live tree. Not only can it be used for decorating indoors, but can also be a great addition to the outdoor landscape. However there are some very important steps that must be followed to ensure survival through the winter. So dormancy is not broken, the tree should be left inside the warm house for only 5 days. We recommend the plant be placed in a tub when brought into the home. This will make watering the plant easier and prevent any mess. Whether indoors or out, the soil ball should be kept moist and not allowed to become dry.

When storing the tree after its use indoors, the easiest method is to place the tree in a garage or other unheated structure. Place in bark or some other mulching material over the soil ball to prevent moisture loss and reduce freezing and thawing.

Wait for warm weather to arrive in the spring and then plant the tree as you would any other tree or shrub.



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