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Care & Advice

Christmas Trees

There are several types of conifer that can be brought indoors for decorating at Christmas. Most are available as cut trees, but container grown and containerised trees (dug up with roots and plunged into pots) are also available.



Christmas trees are usually evergreen conifers, such as spruce, fir and pines. There are a wide variety of Christmas trees that vary in their height, width, conifer pins and smell.



Care

Before buying your Christmas tree, measure the space you want to place it in at home so that you can pick the right sized tree.

When you get a cut tree home, saw 2.5cm (1in) off the bottom with a pruning saw. Place in a stand with a well of water in the base. Then check daily and top up the water when the level drops. We recommend getting a good base that can hold a good amount of liquid. With care, cut trees should last about four weeks. You can decorate your tree as soon as you wish.

Getting a potted Christmas tree is a good idea if you prefer to have your tree up for a shorter amount of time. The more time you can keep it outside or in a cool place, the healthier it will be.

When displaying trees indoors, avoid placing them too close to a fire or radiator, as this will cause excessive moisture loss and needle drop.

This guide has been put together to give a brief outline of the care needed . If you require any further information, please ask our plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

