

# CHRISTMAS TREE CARE

## 1) Prepare the trunk

Just like you would cut the stems of flowers before placing them in water, do this to your tree so it can draw up water through its bark. Saw off the bottom 1" (3cm) to create a fresh cut and open up the base, which can otherwise fill up with sap and block water take up.

## 2) Temperature

Keep your tree away from heat sources such as radiators and fireplaces as heat will dry out the tree quickly. The further away from a heat source the better. Also keeping your tree in stable temperatures rather than those that fluctuate will also lengthen the life of your tree. The best location for a tree is by a window.

## 3) Watering

Place your tree in fresh water (rather than soil or sand). It is best to get a Christmas tree-stand with a water reservoir that you can top up. Keep the tree-stand topped up with water, it may drink up to 1-2 litres of water per day depending on your central heating settings. It is best not to let the level of the water in the stand drop to below the trunk end as the trunk will reseal, preventing water uptake, even if you refill.

Please be aware that all trees drop needles, all year around and a few needles is completely normal. If the tree sheds excessively then this is because the tree is too dry and has not been watered enough. Following the above guidelines will maximise your tree's freshness and longevity.

