## **CHRISTMAS TREE CARE GUIDE**

Thank you for ordering our Fraser Fir Christmas Tree! Follow the directions below to ensure maximum enjoyment from your fresh-cut tree.

Your tree has been hand cut, carefully packed, and shipped directly to your doorstep. Some needle loss is to be expected during shipping. This is a natural occurrence that should not affect the appearance of your tree.

Upon arrival, remove your tree from the packaging, cut off the string to free its branches, then place it in a tree stand with a water reservoir. Select a tree stand that holds at least one gallon of water. A freshly cut tree can use up to one gallon of water per day, so be sure to check the reservoir frequently and replenish the water as needed. There is no need for additives in the water – fresh, clean water is all your tree needs to look its best throughout the holiday season. Though not required, you may cut off 1/2 inch from the trunk to enhance its ability to take in water. There is no need to cut the trunk at an angle or drill holes into its base.

To maximize longevity, keep your tree away from heat sources such as heater vents, space heaters, fireplaces, and direct sunlight. Lowering the room temperature can also help slow the drying process and extend the life of your tree.

When the holidays have ended, recycle your tree by utilizing your community's curbside pick-up program or by taking it to a local recycling center. If you own a wood chipper, consider using the tree to make mulch for your garden.

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