

How To Care For Your Real Christmas Tree

Here at Dowdeswell Forestry Services we know how important a real tree is during the Festive period. It is the centre piece of the home and you will want to take good care of it, to prolong its life.

Here is our handy guide to caring for the new addition in your home this Christmas. If you think of your new tree as a cut flower, you won't go far wrong. It's easy when you know how!

1. When you have chosen your perfect tree, the bottom inch (2.5cm) of the base needs to be sawn off and the bark needs stripping back from the stem (8-12cm). This will allow the tree to 'drink' again to feed the needles. A 6ft tree can drink up to 2 pints a day, so top up the stand regularly.

2. When you get your tree home, you'll need to store it outside in a bucket of water. Then at the last moment possible, bring it inside, place in a stand and fill the base with water ensuring the stripped bark at the bottom of the trunk is submerged.

3. When you're positioning your tree in a room or hallway, you need to make sure you locate it away from any heat sources, including underfloor heating because it will dry the tree out very quickly.

4. Sit back, relax with a warm drink and prepare yourself for the hours of decoration ahead! These few simple steps should help keep your tree looking good through the festive season!

*Have A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



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