

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE GUIDE

Due to the tree's natural process, it is extremely important for the tree to be eased into and out of the house. The dormancy of the tree is critical for survival chances come next Spring

- Leave on the porch or outside for the time being
- December 15thish take into garage or slightly warmer area
- December 20thish take tree into home
 - o Water before taking in home if soil looks and feels dry
 - o Make sure tree is away from heat source (fireplace, hot window, vent)
 - o Only leave in house for a maximum of 7-10 days
 - The less time inside the better chance of survival
- Take back into garage for 1 week
- Return the tree to the porch or outside until time to plant in the Spring
 - o Avoid leaving in direct sunlight to help prevent freeze/thaw of the roots in pot
 - o Shade or a north side of house are best

*** Note: We cannot guarantee the tree is going to survive this process. This is simply to give the tree the best opportunity to survive ***

- When ready to plant in Spring:
 - o Remove tree from pot (can tip over gently if needed)
 - o Dig hole to same depth as current root ball, with the hole being slightly wider than root ball
 - o Place tree in the hole and remove all twine from the neck of the tree and root ball (critical to make sure you get it all so it does not strangle the tree or roots!)
 - o Pack in soil around the tree and create earthen dam to help hold in water
 - o Water the tree in after planting