

## CARING FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

**1. PRE-DIG YOUR HOLE:** Using the guidelines that are in our tree and shrub care sheet. (Blue watering and planting instructions). Cover the hole with a sheet of plywood. This will keep the hole dry and safe. Also, cover the extra soil that you have left over from the hole, you want to keep that dry also.

**2. ACLIMATE YOUR TREE:** Place your tree in an unheated garage, sun porch or breeze way 1-2 days before bringing it in to the house. This will let it adjust to the temperature change. You are going to want to do the same thing when taking it out of the house to plant outside.

**3. WATER:** You want to be sure to water the tree while it is in the house. Remember to care for the tree in the spring just as if it is a freshly planted.

**4. WILTPRUF:** You are going to want to wiltpruf your tree AFTER you plant it outside. This anti-desiccant helps to seal in moisture so the winter winds will not dry out the needles.

**5. 7-10 DAY MAXIMUM:** This is the recommended amount of time that the tree should be in the house. Allowing it to stay in longer will increase the risk of shock when returning it to the outdoors.

By following these guidelines, you should have success with your tree. Remember a lot depends on the weather, which as we all know is unpredictable.

