

# Making Your Christmas Tree Last

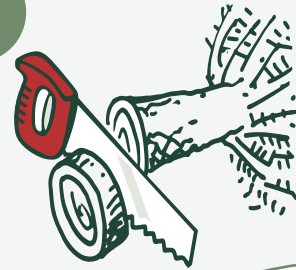
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## Start with a Fresh Tree

The fresher the tree, the longer the tree will last. Test for needle retention by grasping the branch and pulling down gently.

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## Get a Fresh Cut

Cut an inch or so off the base of the trunk. Most retailers provide this service for you, so don't forget to ask!

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## Water Immediately

Once you get your tree home, get your tree into water as soon as possible. Just use tap water – don't add sugar, aspirin, corn syrup, or bleach into your tree's water.

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## Find the Right Stand for Your Tree

Make sure your stand reservoir has enough capacity for your tree – at least 1 to 1.5 gallons. Scale up on size if you're unsure. For more info, check out our [Stand Guide](#).

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## Check Your Surroundings

Find a spot that's not too close to a heat source. Check your outlets, lights, and extension cords for defects. Turn your tree lights off before bed or when not home.

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## Water Often, Water Daily

Check your stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree – there may be water in the stand, even if the trunk is not submerged.

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## Recycle!

Real Christmas trees are 100% recyclable and 100% biodegradable. Most cities have recycling and/or curbside pick-up programs.



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