



# Coastal Christmas Trees Worthing

## Tips for caring for your Christmas Tree

With proper care and following our guide, you can maintain the quality of your tree and see minimal needle drop. Treat your tree like an expensive bunch of flowers, we care for your tree up to delivery then the rest is up to you.

1. Once home, place the tree in water or ideally full fat lemonade as soon as possible. If you are not putting your tree up immediately, it can be stored for several days in a cool, wind-sheltered location.
2. Just before you put up your Christmas tree, make a fresh cut to remove about a 1/2-inch thick disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a v-shape as it will make it difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree. This opens up the pores in the bark to allow water to be taken up by the tree via capillary action. **By not making a fresh cut the sap is formed over the trunk and your tree will be unable to soak up the water from your stand.**
3. Before putting your tree in the stand give it a shake outside, you will see needles drop but this is expected from being in transport.
4. Displaying trees in water in a traditional reservoir type stand is the most effective way of maintaining their freshness and minimizing needle loss.

Use a stand that fits your tree. Avoid whittling the sides of the trunk down to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.

5. Keep the Christmas tree stand topped up with water or full fat lemonade every day & treat it like an expensive bunch of flowers.

Christmas trees may drink 2-3 pints of water a day. It is essential to keep doing this as once the water drops below the trunk, sap will reseal pores in the tree's bark and prevent the tree from taking up any more water.

6. Keep trees away from major sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, radiators and direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.
7. Use lights that produce low heat & they will also reduce drying of the tree.
8. Our local council have a tree collection on bin day and will collect your tree for FREE. Check on their website the date and pop it outside next to your normal refuse bin.
9. Never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**