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Fresh Cut Trees 101

To some, picking out a fresh-cut tree, making sure it is set up securely, and knowing what ongoing maintenance you'll need throughout the season can seem like a daunting task. Mike Westphal, the Garden Guru, is here to make things easy with his guide to fresh-cut trees. Learn how the process of fresh-cut trees work here at McDonald Garden Center, as well as how to care for your new holiday houseguest through the end of the year.

A FAMILY TRADITION

Picking out a fresh cut tree for the holidays is one of the highlights of the season. Everything from the amazing aroma to the feel and the look of a fresh cut tree is incomparable to any other holiday experience. With picking out a fresh cut tree, however, there are some steps to take to keep your tree looking great for the holiday season. Here at McDonald Garden Center, we strive to make the tree-picking and care process as easy as possible.

After Picking out the Perfect Tree -

We will do the following:

- Shake the loose needles out
- Make a fresh cut on the base of the tree.
- Trim any branches around the base, as needed, to fit in the tree stand.
- Bale and wrap your tree for easy transportation.
- Tie your tree to your vehicle (if needed).

While you wait for us to prep your tree for travel, feel free to shop around our stores for gifts! Check out Mike's webinar on our grandious light selection [here](#), perfect for your new fresh cut tree.

Some other great items to consider when purchasing your fresh cut tree for the holidays are a tree stand, tree preserve, and tree removal bags.

Home Sweet Home -

Time to start decorating! You will need to:

- Remove your tree from your vehicle and place it in a shady location with the trunk submerged in a bucket of water if you are not bringing it indoors right away.
- Once indoors, attach the tree to your tree stand and your tree removal bag. This is a good thing to do outside for less sweeping afterwards.
- Carry the tree to its place inside the home.
- Now cut the bailing net off your tree to let the branches fall.
- Let the tree rest for 24-48 hours before decorating.

Long Lasting Holiday Cheer -

To keep your tree looking beautiful and fresh for as long as possible, you will want to follow these suggestions:

- Place the fresh-cut trunk in water as soon as possible after cutting. The resin in the tree can dry over the cut quickly, so making sure that it is in water will prevent this from happening so quickly.

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- Use Prolong Tree Preservative to keep the tree fresh longer. One container makes 4 gallons and is safe with children and pets.
- Once your tree is set up, it will consume a lot of water over the next 24-48 hours, so keep an eye on the level, and make sure it doesn't get too low.
- Keep your tree away from heat vents, stoves, and fireplaces. The cooler temperatures will help it last longer.
- Use LED lights for wrapping your tree if possible. LED lights don't get warm while incandescent lights do. This lack of heat can help your tree from drying out.
- Do not keep the lights on while you are asleep or not home.

More on Fresh Greens -

If you have more fresh cut items like wreaths, garlands, door swags, and more, use Wilt Pruf to extend the life of your fresh cut greens. Wilt Pruf prevents water loss from leaves in both cut greens and landscape ornamental plants. To use, soak your greens in water and then spray generously with Wilt Pruf when dry. You can also dip directly into Wilt Pruf for larger applications.

You can find both Prolong Tree Preservative and Wilt Pruf in the garden pharmacy sections of our year-round locations!

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