



Success With
**Potted Christmas
Trees**

The use of potted living Christmas trees is becoming increasingly popular. Many of our customers have successfully added several trees to their landscape through the use of potted living Christmas trees over the years.

Due to the severity of our climate here in East Idaho the use of potted living Christmas trees can be risky, and **we cannot guarantee them**. However, you can be successful if you will follow the suggestions outlined below.

1. Keep your tree in an unheated garage or shed until ready to bring it inside to decorate. This will keep the tree dormant while protecting it from the harsh elements.
2. **It is best not to keep the tree in a warm room for more than 7 DAYS.** Otherwise it may begin to come out of dormancy and you will have to leave it indoors until spring.
3. Water the tree as needed while indoors. Provide a saucer to catch excess water draining from the pot.
4. If decorating with lights, use only miniature types that give off very little heat.
5. **After Christmas, water your tree well, then move it back into the garage** until the ground thaws in the spring. Better yet, store your tree in a root cellar or potato cellar. Cellars work extremely well for tree storage, as long as the tree is dormant.
6. **Another option is to keep your tree in the house all winter.** You must have a large south window where the tree can get full sunlight. And you will need to rotate the tree about once per week so the sunlight can reach all sides of the tree. If you choose to leave it inside, it will begin to grow, so don't put it back outside until all danger of frost has passed in the spring.

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