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- 1 Gradually introduce the tree to the indoors over 3 – 4 days via the garage or an enclosed porch. A tree that is exposed to immediate warmth will start to grow, which you want to avoid.
- 2 Once the tree is ready to be moved inside, place it in the brightest, coolest place available.
- 3 The tree will need to be kept moist, but not soggy. An easy way to water is to cover the soil with ice cubes, which will also help keep the tree roots cool. Don't forget to put a saucer under the tree to catch water.
- 4 Do not fertilize. This may initiate growth, which you don't want to occur in a dormant tree.
- 5 Allow the tree to stay inside no longer than 7 – 14 days. Some customers will decorate their tree outside, bring it in on Christmas Eve, and then plant on New Year's Day. What a great way to start the New Year!
- 6 Carefully and gradually introduce the tree back outside using the reverse procedure.
- 7 Check the information sheet regarding the mature size of your chosen variety of Christmas tree. Choose a planting location that will give the tree plenty of room to grow to its mature size. Consult our *Tree Planting and Care* guide for planting instructions.

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