

## **Getting the most from your Nordmann Christmas Trees** **(Low Needle Loss)**

Nordmann Christmas Trees are often referred to as “No Needle Drop Trees”, although clearly as a cut tree some needle loss will be normal. In comparison to other varieties of trees such as Norway Spruce the amount of needle loss is negligible if **cared for correctly** as detailed below (typically less than 10% loss over 3 weeks):-

UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO PREPARE YOUR TREE AND BRING IT IN, KEEP IT OUTDOORS AND OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

WHEN READY TO BRING IN, ENSURE YOU DO NOT POSITION YOUR TREE NEAR HEAT SOURCES (SUCH AS RADIATORS OR FIRES) AND NOT IN VERY HOT ROOMS.

**IMPORTANT**- CUT 2 TO 3cm (1”) OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE TREE. MAKE 2 SAW CUTS THROUGH THE BARK (APPROX 2 TO 3cm DEEP) ON THE TRUNK 2 TO 3cm ABOVE THE BOTTOM.

POSITION IN A SUITABLE BASE WHICH CAN HOLD ENOUGH WATER TO COVER THE CUTS.

A 1.75 TO 2 METRE TREE WILL DRINK UP TO 2 PINTS OF WATER A DAY. KEEP THE CONTAINER TOPPED UP DAILY. A PLANT FEED SUCH AS OASIS IS ADVISABLE AND WILL PREVENT BACTERIA AND KEEPS THE CUTS OPEN FOR WATER UP TAKE. IF YOU EXPERIENCE EARLY NEEDLE LOSS REPEAT THE PROCEDURE MARKED ‘IMPORTANT’ AND CHECK SUITABILITY OF LOCATION.

FOR FURTHER ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF STAFF. STANDS FOR REAL TREES ARE AVAILABLE HERE AT MILL RACE GARDEN CENTRE. DON’T FORGET TO VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS SELECTION FOR SOME OF THE BEST DECORATIONS AROUND!!!!!!

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US AT MILL RACE GARDEN CENTRE!**

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