



CHRISTMAS TREES

- Put Safety First -

Natural Christmas Trees

Before buying a tree, test for freshness by tapping the base of the tree on the ground or pulling gently on a limb. If many needles fall off or needles can be easily pulled off, the tree is too dry.

Keep your tree as fresh as possible by placing the stump of the tree in a bucket of water out of doors until you are ready to decorate. Before setting up the tree inside the house, trim two inches off the stem diagonally so it can absorb water. Mount the tree securely in a large, wide based reservoir stand and add water each day to ensure the tree is well watered.

Choose a suitable location for your tree, ensuring that it is well away from all heating sources and clear of all exits. Never decorate a tree with burning candles. Remove the tree as soon as possible after the holidays.



Artificial Trees

Though fireproof, metal or aluminum trees are electrically conductive and cannot be decorated with any electrical product. The metal can cause a short and a fire or simply become "hot" or deliver a nasty shock.

Aluminum trees can be illuminated by a colourful spotlight placed a safe distance from the tree, as set out by manufacturers' directions.

