

Recipe for:

A Green Christmas Tree



- ** Select a tree that has been recently cut or cut one yourself.
- ** Before placing the tree in the stand, make a fresh cut at least one-inch from the original cut.
- ** Place the tree in a sturdy stand, immediately fill with water, and add water every day!!!
(An average tree will consume between a quart and a gallon of water each day. If the water level drops below the bottom of the trunk, a seal will form and the tree will no longer be able to absorb water.)
- ** Place the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, heaters, television sets, or vents.
- ** Check light sets for frayed/cracked wires or broken sockets before placing them on the tree.
(Miniature lights produce less heat and reduce the drying effect upon a tree.)
- ** Turn off the tree lights when leaving the house or retiring for the night.
- ** Remove the tree AS SOON AS IT GETS DRY! When the needles begin to fall, the tree should be removed.
- ** **DO NOT** attempt to discard your tree by burning it in a fireplace. A tree burned in this fashion can cause an explosive flare-up.

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