

Tree tips

Your fresh tree shouldn't lose too many needles if you look after it...



- **Cut at least an inch off your tree** (our staff can help you with this) then stand it in a bucket of water and in a cool place, such as garage, until you're ready to take it indoors.
- **Before taking it indoors** gently shake the tree to remove any loose needles.
- **Pot the tree** with the trunk immersed in water. Many centres sell stands designed to do this.
- **Avoid using sand** or soil in the tree stand as they restrict water from being drawn up into the trunk.
- **Stand the tree** in a cool part of the room next to a window, and away from radiators or fires.
- **Finally**, remember to top up the tree stand with water every day.



Best dressed tree competition

Post your Christmas tree photos to our Flickr site and the best dressed tree will win two tickets to a forest concert of your choice.

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We have hundreds of forests across the country and a million reasons to visit...

Try one of our walking or cycling trails, and look out for Forest Segways next year. Come to one of our many events, from the illuminated 'Electric Forest' experience to 'owl prowls' wildlife walks.

In 2012 we will be hosting the alternative Forest Games. Keep an eye out for Hayley the hedge-hurdling hedgehog and her friends...

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If you're among the first 1,000 people to subscribe to our mailing list in December or January you'll get a free parking or admission* voucher to any Forestry Commission England wood, valid until the end of March 2012.

*adult admission at Westonbirt Arboretum

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Gifts for Christmas and beyond...

Stuck for a present this year? Give a friend a Discovery Pass and they can enjoy the forest throughout the year for free.

Or how about tickets to our live music concerts? These spectacular events are a present that everyone will love.

Buy your presents at:
www.forestry.gov.uk/boxoffice



Why buy real?

Feel good about buying a real tree from the Forestry Commission...

Real trees use about **10 times fewer materials** and **5 times less energy** than artificial trees. And they smell good!

We only sell trees that are grown in the UK in a well-managed way. More trees are planted every year than are harvested.

When Christmas is over, your tree can be chipped and turned into compost. **Some of our larger centres can recycle your tree;** just ask when you buy. Or your local council might offer to collect your tree along with the household rubbish.

