

NEW RETAIL LOCATIONS IN PRINCE ALBERT & SASKATOON, SK

PRINCE ALBERT (for Gaudet Trees)
Lake Country Co-op – Food Store Parking Lot
791-801 15th Street East (Cornerstone)
Prince Albert, SK S6V 0C7
Retail Lot: 306-922-1052
Hours: M-S 11-7 & Sunday 12-6

SASKATOON (*Mayfair Hardware is now closed*)
New - SASKATOON LANDSCAPE STORE
3810 Thatcher Ave. (Across from North Costco)
Saskatoon, SK S7R 1A5
Work: 306-244-4550
Hours: M-F 8-7 & Sat & Sun 11-7

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

NINE easy steps to care for your natural tree will insure its freshness and perhaps even exhibit new bud development, displaying swelling and even shoot elongation.

1 – FRESH CUT *To ensure water uptake, make a fresh 1/2 inch (1 cm) cut on the tree stump before placing in water. The cut is made to allow a fresh exposure of the cambium layer (green film under the bark) to uptake water; thus the reason!*

2 – STAND WITH ADEQUATE WATER CAPACITY *Keep the tree watered! Place tree in a stand capable of holding at least one day's worth of water, two days is better (1-6 quarts or litres). A premium 6-8 ft/2 m tree can draw up to 4 quarts/4 litres of water per day for the first 10 days until it begins to taper off.*

3 – HOT TAP WATER *Fill your stand with hot tap water the first timer enabling the sap to re-hydrate and flow readily. As the tree thaws the water will be drawn upwards replenishing the moisture to the extremities. If your tree ever runs out of water during the display season, suction ceases and the tree loses its ability to resume water uptake (similar to siphoning water out of an aquarium, if the line ever sees air, water uptake stops) and the tree begins to dry out prematurely. Do not ever use additives!!!*

4 – REMOVAL OF WRAPPING *After tree is mounted into a stand and watered, allow it to thaw out prior to removal of the wrapping ensuring minimal breakage of fine branches and tips. Enjoy its natural beauty and then decorate to your hearts content.*

5 – LIGHTS & HEAT SOURCES *Prevent all heat sources from blowing on your tree. Use deflectors when appropriate. Don't overload your tree with high wattage lights and turn these off while away from your home or when retiring for the night.*

6 – TRANSPORTING *Move your trees in and out of your home with minimal needle drop by tucking a moving bag over the tree and stand. Another method is to lay your tree onto an old sheet and wrap it.*

7 – CLEANING *Clean tree sap from hands and tree stand with a citrus based hand-cleaner or ammonia.*

8 – RECYCLE *Contact your local Parks & Recreation department to discover where your tree may be chipped for reuse as mulch for new and old tree installations, walkways, and flower beds or simply as compost to be utilized as future soil.*

9 – ENDEARING MEMORIES – KEEP THE TREE TAG *As you decorate your tree with ornaments handed down from parents or made by your children alike, enjoy this reflection on days gone by. More fun is on the way by having a contest! Mark the year on the back of the tree tag and document how much water your tree drinks when re-filling your stand daily. Turn this into a family challenge to discover who comes closest on Christmas and again on New Year's Day. Store this memorable keepsake with your decorations when dismantling the tree and have some wonderful amusements with this! ☺*

We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas.

