

Four steps for keeping your Christmas tree fresh

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Michael Ryan, 81, owner of the Clemsonville Christmas Tree Farm in Carroll County, offers the following tips for keeping your cut Christmas tree fresh.

1. After bringing a freshly cut tree home, put it in a five-gallon bucket of water in a cool place away from sunlight, such as a porch or garage.
2. When you're ready to decorate it, cut another inch off the bottom of the tree's trunk.
3. Put the tree in a stand that holds water.
4. Maintain a high water level in the stand. Otherwise, the bottom of the tree will seal up and not take in any more water, causing it to dry out.

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