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Recommended Safety Measures for Natural Christmas Trees

- The support device that holds a tree in an upright position should be of a type that is stable and that:
 - Does not damage or require removal of the tree's stem base.
 - Holds the tree securely and is of adequate size to avoid tipping over of the tree, and
 - Is capable of containing a two-day minimum supply of water, covering the stem at least two inches.
- Prior to setting up a tree, the trunk should have a fresh butt cut on a diagonal at least 1 inch (25.4 mm) above the original cut.
- Hot tap water should be used when first filling the support stand. The water level, when filled, should be at least 2 inches (51 mm) above the butt of the tree.
- The water level should never be allowed to be lower than the butt of the tree.
 - If the water level should become lower than the butt of the tree, the tree shall be removed immediately or re-cut.
- Trees should be checked for dryness daily:
 - Stand in front of a branch,
 - Grasp a branch with reasonably firm pressure and pull your hand toward you, allowing the branch to slip through your grasp
 - If the needles fall off readily, the tree does not have adequate moisture content, and it should be removed immediately.
- Candles or open flames should not be used on or near a tree within a distance equal to the height of the tree.
- Electrical decorations used on trees should be UL listed.
- Recommended minimum support stand water capacity and typical water consumption is:

Tree Height (feet)	Minimum Support Stand Water Capacity (gallons)	Typical Daily Water Evaporation Amounts (gallons)
Up to 6 1/2	1/2	1/8 to 1/4
6 1/2 to 10	1	1/4 to 1/2
Over 10	3	1/2 to 1 1/2