

## **REAL CHRISTMAS TREE CARE:**

**Trim the Trunk.** Cut off  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 inch off the base of the tree to ensure optimal water absorption. Lawn & garden stores and tree farms often do this for you.

Size your Tree Stand. Use a tree stand that holds about one quart of water per inch of the stem diameter. For most trees, a stand that holds one gallon of water or more should do the trick!

**Water.** During the first week, check water levels twice a day to make sure there is enough. Avoid setting up your tree in areas of your home close to blowing heat or air, which will cause it to dry out faster.

