

ATTACHMENT 3

Preparing a Christmas Tree for the House

Cutoff end of tree about 1 inch, to readily allow tree absorption of mixture.
Let stand in "Fire Minimizing Mixture" until ready to bring indoors. Allow several hours.
Fill tree stand reservoir twice a day, morning and evening, especially the first couple of days when the absorption rate is the greatest.

"Fire Minimizing" Mixture

2 gals. hot water
2 cups corn syrup
2 oz. liquid bleach
2 pinches Epsom salt
½ tsp. borax
1 tsp. chelated iron (available at garden shops)

How Does "Fire Minimizing" Mixture Work?

The corn syrup provides sugar, which allows the tree to soak up a lot of water. Without sugar, only a small amount of water is absorbed. You can expect the tree to soak up 1 ½ gallons of the recipe during the 10- to 14-day period the tree is in the tree stand, which is about 800 percent more water than it would have absorbed in the forest.

The boron (in the borax) makes the water and sugar move to every needle in the tree. The Epsom salts and chelated iron provide magnesium sulfate and help with chlorophyll production, keeping the needles green. Bleach stops mold from forming when water and sugar stand for awhile.

Note: This mixture does NOT make the tree fireproof! It merely helps the tree stay moist longer, which helps to reduce its flammability potential or fire hazard.



PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR TREE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY.

