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ADDING ASPIRIN TO CHRISTMAS TREE WATER MAKES THE TREE LAST LONGER

Add an aspirin (or chlorine bleach, borax, vinegar) to prevent bacteria from building up in the tree stand's water reservoir. Or add corn syrup (or sugar, molasses, honey, soda) to nourish the tree. These are just a few of the additives promoted to make your Christmas tree last longer.

THE FACTS

Not one of the above-mentioned ingredients has been shown to do any significant good. Contrary, some ingredients may adversely affect the tree.

The **BEST** thing to fill a Christmas tree stand's reservoir with is plain old **TAP WATER!**

BUT the **MOST IMPORTANT** factor in keeping a tree adequately hydrated is the **FRESHNESS** of the tree trunk itself.

- A fresh cut **REOPENS** pores that absorb water.
- It's recommended you cut **ONE-HALF** to **ONE INCH** off the tree trunk right before immersing it in the tree stand water.
- Monitor tree stand water levels regularly – a tree can drink up to **ONE LITRE OF WATER PER DAY, PER INCH** of trunk diameter.
- Lower the temperature in the room where the tree is situated. And locate tree away from fireplace and heating duct.



REFERENCE

NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION

<https://realchristmastrees.org/>