



Care For Flocked or Flame Retardant Trees

We at Minor's Garden Center, in order to make your holiday season safe, offer the following information:

Applying flame retardant or flocking to a fresh Christmas tree is an excellent method to reduce the threat of fire. According to manufacturers, the flocking material has a flame retarding effect. By their nature, fresh cut trees and boughs are highly flammable, you cannot assume treated foliage won't burn because they can. Flame retardant and flocking materials are considered a deterrent only.

Care suggestions:

- * Do not put your tree up too early. Flocked trees can stay fairly fresh in doors for about 3-4 weeks.
- * Keep the room as cool as possible and don't place tree near a hot air vent unless the vents are closed.
- * If your tree is in a reservoir type stand, keep it filled with water and a tree preservative. (you should never let it dry out) Also, make a fresh cut before putting it in a stand.
- * Use of lights on the tree should be monitored carefully- defective lights can be very dangerous.
- * Always monitor the condition of your tree- discard if excessively dry. Keep all flames or hot objects away from the tree.
- * If you put your tree in a water reservoir type stand, make a fresh cut and always keep the stand full of water.

When flocking materials are applied to a tree, it helps to seal the foliage and prevent moisture loss through the needles. Due to the production time needed in making a flocked tree, we are unable to apply a fresh cut, because of this, the application of a water pan would be ineffective. All of the above precautions should be considered and remember, it can still **BURN**.