



Caring for a living tree

Rotate the tree monthly to keep growth even on all sides.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS Apply a soil-wetting agent. Check the pot for snails and spiders. Water well and allow to drain, then move indoors a few days before Christmas.

It needs good light, but not direct sun. Keep it moist.

AFTER CHRISTMAS The tree should be fine indoors for 2–3 weeks. To re-acclimatise it, put it outside in a sheltered spot in the shade and water regularly. Gradually move it into more sun over a few weeks.

AUTUMN AND WINTER Water at least weekly. Keep in a sunny spot. Treat for pests and diseases if necessary.

SPRING Re-pot if needed. Use good quality potting mix, keep moist and feed with controlled-release fertiliser.