

Christmas White Firs

You have just bought a live Christmas tree. It grew for you in a tree nursery of the company of Lesy města Brna, (Brno Forests, a.s.). We are glad to see that this beautiful tradition enjoys more and more interest these days. That's how we support the forests round Brno and give them back the white firs.

Why the fir?

The white fir is one of the tree species native to in this country; it used to amount to twenty percent in our forests. Unfortunately, today it has almost disappeared. The firs suffered from extensive timber felling, the draining of the landscape, the pollution from industry, and the damage done by the abundant game. At present, the firs amount to ca one percentage of the trees in our forests.

What care to give the fir before Christmas?

Keep the tree outside heated premises as long as possible – preferably in the balcony, the court, the garden, or a cold corridor. The earth must be wet; for watering use rain water or standing water. Before bringing the tree into a heated room give it time to accustom to the new conditions. After keeping it outside, put it in unheated premises (a corridor, a garage) for a day or two. Before putting the fir into a heated room, lower the temperature there to 15 °C and then slowly increase it. Please keep the temperature under 20 °C all the time unless a higher temperature is necessary. The fir loves humidity; dewing from a spray would be helpful.

What care to give the fir after Christmas?

Keep the fir in a heated room only for a time as short as possible. When returning it back to the outdoor environment, do it in steps, don't put it outside straightaway. If the outdoor temperature is minus 15 °C or lower, better put the pot into a cold room inside the house.

Have you discovered plant pests or white speckles in the fir? Try Biocont Neem Azal the biological spray to remove them.

How to plant the fir?

In the spring, you can plant the fir in piece of land of your own, or in the garden. Never plant the fir in the forest at random or in a piece of land that is not yours. The best way to plant the fir is to come to our planting coaction and plant the fir together with us; in doing so you will support the return of the firs into the forests round Brno.

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The Planting Coaction will take place on April 13, 2024, from 10:00 – 12:00 o'clock in the Tree Nursery under the locality of Babí lom.

How to get there? Take the bus No 44 to Vranov, then follow the red tourist mark till you reach the parting of the ways of „U Jelínka“ (2 km, a flat terrain). When going by car, the access is possible from Lelekovice, Vranov or the road to Svitavy, then take the branch leading on a solidified forest road to the tree nursery. The planting tools and professional surveillance will be provided by professionals from Lesy města Brna. For those who don't have a fir of their own but are interested in this event a spare Christmas tree will be provided.

Is it impossible for you to take part in the planting?

Please fetch the fir tree before April 1, 2024 to one of the shops run by Veronica Foundation (Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 18:00 o'clock), or to Rezekvítek (a previous making of appointment is required). We will plant the fir tree for you.

Take part in the Photo Contest

Please mail a photo of the fir tree to the Facebook Group „Christmas Fir Trees in Pots“ before January 4, 2024, or mark the photo on Instagram #jedlickyvkvetinaci. The received photos will be put into drawing and the winner will obtain Hostětínský mošt (alcohol-free cider from Hostětín), a parlour game Tree Cards from Rezekvítek, or vouchers for the shops run by the Veronica Foundation.

The project of Christmas fir trees in pots is coordinated by the Rezekvítek organisation. The main selling points are the charity shops of the Veronica Foundation. The fir trees are planted by and cared for after the planting by Lesy města Brna (The Brno Forests). Other sellers include Ekocentrum Brno, Lipka, and Happy Nature.

The contact addresses:

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**Thank you for saving one Christmas tree from cutting.
In the Czech Republic, more than a million trees are
sold to end up in dumping places after Christmas.**

We wish you a Happy and Fragrant Christmas!



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