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A NOTE FOR A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY

... As the new year approaches and holiday adventures pull you to friends and family near or far, the volunteer team members of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council wish to you a safe, sane and wonderful holiday season!

While you puzzle and plan for the New Year, we are also planning on how best to serve the community. The most important ingredient begins with **your** input, suggestions and workable solutions so that *together*, we can make positive action happen.

Visit our web site, attend the once a month board meeting, get involved with a committee, and peel off some time for yourself with your neighbors since it all revolves around making our community a better place.

*HUNC 2006-2007 Board Members with
Councilmember Tom LaBonge*



17 Care tips for Your Farm-Grown Fresh Christmas Tree

When a Christmas tree is cut, over half of its weight is water. With proper care, you can maintain the quality of your displayed trees. Below are a number of tips relating to the care of displayed trees:

1. Displaying trees in water in a traditional reservoir type stand is the most effective way of maintaining their freshness and minimizing needle loss problems.

2. Make a fresh cut to remove about a 1/2-inch thick disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut perpendicular to the stem axis. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a v-shape, which makes it far more difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree.

3. Once home, place the tree in water as soon as possible. Most species can go 6 to 8 hours after cutting the trunk and still take up water. Don't bruise the cut surface or get it dirty.

4. If needed, trees can be temporarily stored for several days in a cool location. Place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket that is kept full of water.

5. To display the trees indoors, use a stand with an adequate water holding capacity for the tree. **As a general rule, stands should provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter.** Devices are available that help maintain a constant water level in the stand.

6. Use a stand that fits your tree. Avoid whitening the sides of the trunk down to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.

7. Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.

8. The temperature of the water used to fill the stand is not important and does not affect water uptake.

9. Check the stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree. **With many stands, there can still be water in the stand even though the base of the tree is no longer submerged in water.**

10. Drilling a hole in the base of the trunk does not improve water uptake.

11. Use of lights that produce low heat, such as miniature lights, will reduce drying of the tree.

12. Always inspect light sets prior to placing them on the tree. If worn, replace with a new set.



- 13. Do not overload electrical circuits.
- 14. Always turn off the tree lights when leaving the house or when going to bed.
- 15. Monitor the tree for freshness. After Christmas or if the tree is dry, remove it from the house.
- 16. Go to ww.realchristmastrees.org and type in your ZIP code to find a recycling program near you.
- 17. **Never** burn any part of your Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace!!!

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What to do with the Old Christmas Tree?

After the Holidays, and the decorations get tucked away and stored, the tinsel is removed, and the stand is pulled apart, if you can, cut your tree in half and place it in the Green yard trimmings City container. The stand can go in the Black City container.

Flocked trees, however, may not be recycled and must also be placed in the Black Container.

If you are unable to cut the tree in half yourself, **DO NOT** leave it along side of a trash container or at the side

of the road! If you do, it will not be collected.

The Bureau of Sanitation offers several tree drop-off locations also. To find the nearest location, call **1-800-5-TREE-56**, enter your zip code at the prompt.

Fire Station 82 on Bronson also will have a large bin available to drop off Christmas trees for recycling.



Confidence, like art, never comes from having all the answers; it comes from being open to all the questions.

BEING PREPARED IS A MATTER OF CHOICE... WHAT'S YOURS?!!

Perhaps it's not a warm-n-fuzzy thing to question, but when and if disaster hits, who do you call first? LAPD, LAFD, 911 or, sit in panic mode? Truth be told, the first one to count on is that face you see in the mirror everyday.

From that point the next step is checking on others at home, your pets, your neighbors. If you smell gas, be prepared by knowing how and where to shut it off.

What we tend to overlook is having a

plan of action including food, water, first aid and a central out of state point of contact for family and friends to touch base. Fortunately for Angelinos' to gain an upper hand are training sessions known as **CERT**.. (Community Emergency Response Training) and the next local training begins January 18th, 2007 at Hollywood United Methodist Church - 6817 Franklin Avenue 7PM—9:30pm.

From that first Thursday evening to the

last Thursday evening (March 1st, 2007) you'll really be taking charge by learning how to assist yourself and others while gaining a stronger sense of personal empowerment from each weekly session. Yeah, **7** Thursday evenings back to back might seem long, but, the rewards will save a life and last you a lifetime!

More info at <http://www.cert-la.com/index.shtml>



HUNC Board Meetings take place on the **3rd Monday of Every Month** and we Welcome your participation!! - 6054 Yucca Street off of Gower, Upper Terrace. Start time is 6:30PM.. Time length depends on agenda.

DEPENDING ON THE BROWSER YOU FAVOR, LINK US UP IN YOUR BOOKMARKS \ FAVORITES:
WWW.HOLLYWOODUNITEDNC.ORG, OR,

www.myhunc.com

It's **your** neighborhood so, Get involved!!!!

