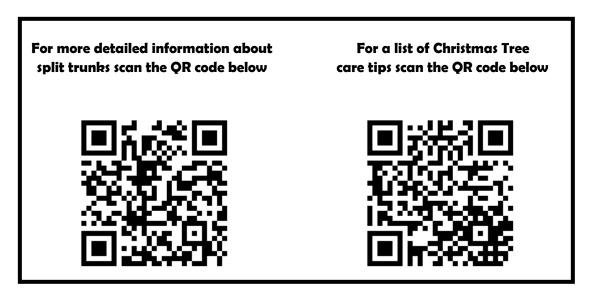


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## THE TRUTH ABOUT SPLIT TRUNKS

- Only FRESH Christmas trees can have split trunks.
- Split trunks can happen anywhere...in the field, while being transported, at a retail lot, or in the home.
- Split trunks occur after any sudden water loss (i.e. being cut during a wet year, or transported from the cool Appalachian Mountains to warmer locations, sun, wind, or low humidity).
- A tree with a split trunk will take up water just as well as one without.
- Use a side screw tree stand to stabilize a tree with a split trunk.
- Often when given a fresh cut and placed in water, a split in the trunk will close back up.
- When watered regularly (no different than any other tree) there is no additional risk of the tree drying out or becoming a fire hazard.





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