<u>Pre-lit Tree Storage Tips</u>

Tree Storage:

1. Remove the tree's main extension cord plug from the wall outlet. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
2. Starting at the treetop, remove the string set plug from the extension cord attached to the pole near the top of section B.
3. Carefully lift the treetop <u>*straight up*</u>***** from the lower section. If tightly seated, then wiggle treetop slightly to loosen.
    * Use of a ladder is suggested to avoid bending of the treetop.
      Please exercise care when using a ladder to maintain balance.

Step A: Gently fold the branches up toward the center. Care should be taken to avoid damage to the lights.

4. Place the treetop into your original shipping carton with the top in a corner at one end.
5. Remove the string set plug from section B that is attached to the pole near the top section A.
6. Remove section B, collapse the hinges, repeat **Step A** and set-aside.
7. While holding the tree pole of section A, loosen the thumbscrew located on the tree stand.
8. Remove section A from the tree stand, collapse the hinges and repeat **Step A.**
9. Place section A into the carton with the top of the section at the opposite end of the treetop, as pole A lies along side the treetop.
10. To close the tree stand for storage, loosen thumbscrew sufficiently to then push the legs inward.
11. Place the tree stand vertically along the long side of the carton or lay it flat on the bottom.
12. Carefully place section B into the carton over the Treetop with its pole lying along side section A.
13. Seal the carton closed.

Important: Store your carton neatly in a cool, dry location protected from sunlight to prolong the tree life and to better keep the light sets in working order. Do not place a heavy load on the carton to avoid damage to or crushing the carton and tree inside.