

Home Zone: Making it cheerful and easy ... inside and out

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Watering a fully decorated tree - especially when all the ornaments are special and fragile and there are wrapped presents underneath, not to mention live wires - can be a daunting and time-consuming task for anybody.

SANTAS SECRET BOOTS - Sneak these Santas Secret Boots close to the tree, among the gifts, and forget about daily watering during the holidays. CNS Photo courtesy of Santas Secret. SANTAS SECRET GIFT - It may look like just another a present once it's under the tree, but this one will keep your tree watered for up to 10 days. CNS Photo courtesy of Santas Secret. SNOWFLAKES - Spread a little cheer while you're on the road this holiday season with Car-Tatts, available in all shapes, sizes and themes. CNS Photo courtesy of Victorio Loubriel, NYCityMedia. MENORAH - You decorate your home for the holidays, why not your vehicle? CNS Photo courtesy of Victorio Loubriel, NYCityMedia. You pull out the watering can, stoop down at least once daily to water the tree and, try as you might not to, you inevitably spill.

No more with Santas Secret Boots and Santas Secret Gift.

These functional and adorable little "presents" blend right in with the gifts under the tree and make watering easy and foolproof.

While the Boots fit in as is, the Gift can be wrapped to personalize it beneath the tree.

The Boots and the Gift work with all tree sizes and any traditional stand. There is no assembly required and setup is a breeze.

Simply place a Santas Secret level on the floor 3 feet from the tree stand and insert the probe completely in the tree stand bowl. Fill each Santa Boot with 1 gallon of warm water. Each Gift holds 2 gallons.

Start the auto-fill cycle by squeezing the primer bulb five times or more to remove all the air bubbles from the feed tube and bulb. Repeat once again in 24 hours.

Once you've done this, each item will keep the average tree watered continuously for 10 days and then you just refill. They even have a built-in, refill indicator.

If you have a really large tree, use more than one set to keep it from getting thirsty.

The Boots are 4 inches long, 9 inches wide and 7 inches tall and retail for \$23. Colors available are: Rudolf Red, Ebony Black, Jolly Green and Arctic White.

The Gift is 12 by 8 by 5 and retails for \$19. Available colors are: Ruby Red, Topaz Blue, Emerald Green and Amethyst Violet.

For more information, call 480-898-0081 or visit www.santas-secret.com.

TATTOO YOUR TOYOTA

Who needs antlers or wreaths wired to the front of their vehicles during the holidays when they can have Car-Tatts?

"People decorate their homes, inside and out, with festive lights and character, why not their cars?" said Ken DiSessa, president of Car-Tatts, a new company based in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. "This way, whenever you're out on the road, you can bring a little cheer to others everywhere you go."

Car-Tatts cover just about everything holiday-oriented: Santa Claus, wreaths, doves calling for Peace on Earth, poinsettias, dreidels and menorahs. After the holidays, try flags, animals, hearts, sports and more.

They are available in all sizes, accommodating the smallest of cars to the largest of trucks. They cost a fraction of custom auto detailing and are removable and replaceable.

A Car-Tatt is guaranteed not to fade, crack or peel for up to 36 months. The die-cut tattoos are highly durable yet can be installed on any vehicle in a matter of minutes. Basically, you rub them on your vehicle and let them dry for 24 hours before you wash. After that, Car-Tatts are car wash safe and resistant to hot water and soap. However, it is recommended that you stay away from wax and visit brushless car washes.

When you are ready to remove them, all you need is a hair dryer. Just heat them up and carefully peel them away. Car-Tatts can be quickly removed without any surface damage to the paint or underlying structure of your vehicle.

Their paint-like appearance will make friends and neighbors stand back and take notice. Their cost and variety will give you the opportunity to express yourself year-round. So, go for it, be creative and have fun. Car-Tatts start as low as \$1.50 for a single butterfly and sets retail for around \$20.

For more information, call 973-219-0329 or visit www.car-tatts.com.

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