

ALLEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

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Choosing a Christmas tree

- The species available at our lots are Noble Fir, Grand Fir, Douglas Fir, and Norway Spruce.
- Before visiting a lot, decide what width and height of tree you will need. If you are not sure what size would be best, note the height of your ceiling and the length and width of floor space you want to allow for your tree.
- Look for trees that have been cut recently. Our trees are the freshest available, because of our ability to cut trees from our own farm and deliver three times weekly and daily on weekends.
- Check the needles to test freshness. On fresh firs, green needles break cleanly when bent.
- Fresh trees have a healthy appearance, nice fragrance, and good color.

Keeping your tree *fresh*

Make a fresh cut

- Make a fresh cut on the butt to open the pores which have been clogged by sap. Cut off at least one half inch. The fresh cut surface should be creamy white, not yellow or brown. If you do not make a fresh cut, the tree will not be able to drink water.
- After the cut is made, put the tree in water as soon as possible. The longer the time between when the tree is given a fresh cut and when it is put in water, the less ability the tree has to absorb water.
- Even if a hole is drilled to accommodate a pin-type stand, a fresh cut also should be made on the butt.

Put in water

- Place the tree in a sturdy stand which will hold at least one gallon of water. Fill with plain water.
- If the tree is not going into the house soon after purchase, it should be stored in a bucket of water on cool porch or patio away from the wind and sun.

Water daily

- An average tree may consume between a quart and a gallon of water per day.
- If the water level drops below the cut end of the trunk, a seal will form and no more water will be absorbed by the tree.
- So, remember to water every day.

Mini-lights produce minimum heat

- Miniature lights produce much less heat and reduce the drying effect upon a tree.
- Always check light sets for frayed or cracked wire insulation and broken sockets before placing them on a tree. Do not attempt to repair a worn light set. Throw it away and buy a new set.
- Always turn off the lights of your tree when leaving the house or retiring for the night.

Keep away from heat sources

- Place the tree away from the heat sources such as heating vents, fireplaces, wood stoves and fireplace inserts, radiators, television sets or sunny windows.
- Be careful not to block a door with the tree or rearranged furniture.

Recycle your tree

- After Christmas, before the tree dries, remove it from the house for your local chipping and compost program. Call your county recycling center or disposal service for information.
- Never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace.