

Selection and Care of Real Christmas Trees

- Measure the room where your tree will go and make sure your tree will be at least 25 cm / 9.8 in from walls and the ceiling when decorated.
- Avoid placing the tree near heating sources.
- Buy from a reputable grower or retailer or visit a “U-Cut” lot to cut your own tree. Check www.ctcns.com for a list of retailers and U-Cut lots.
- Buy your tree a day or two before you plan to decorate it. Store it outside until you are ready.
- Cut at least 5 cm / 2 in off the base of the tree trunk so the tree can easily absorb water. Place the tree securely in a tree stand that holds at least 4 litres / 1 gallon of water.
- Water daily with tap water for safety. Let the branches relax before you decorate.
- For safety, use only CSA approved lighting sets and flame resistant decorations. Turn the tree lights off at bedtime and when you leave the room.
- Check the freshness of your tree daily by gently pulling a branch through your fingers. If it loses a lot of needles or they come off in your hand it is a potential fire hazard so remove the tree from your home and recycle it.

For more information about purchasing and using a real Christmas Tree visit www.gov.ns.ca/natr

Growers of real Christmas trees in Nova Scotia combine modern skills and family tradition to produce high quality Christmas trees for the local and export markets. The industry annually provides millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs to the local economy while tree lots offer a healthy workplace environment.

Our climate is ideal for growing real Christmas trees, especially Balsam Fir. Tree lots across Nova Scotia provide good habitat for wildlife and recreational areas for people. Real Christmas trees are natural forest products grown with energy from the sun and nutrients from our soil.

Real Christmas trees, grown on naturally regenerated and sustainable lots by registered growers are never clearcut. Mature trees provide seedlings to replace the harvested trees.

Environmental appreciation can increase, especially among children, when real Christmas trees are chosen, decorated and recycled.

After the Christmas holidays, a real Christmas tree can become a backyard bird feeder, a potpourri ingredient, or garden mulch. Real Christmas trees are biodegradable, nearly carbon neutral, and recyclable.

Locally grown real Christmas trees are the natural choice for your home and buying one helps make Nova Scotia a better place.



*Nova Scotia Christmas Trees...
Beautiful, Natural, Fragrant*