

# Our REAL Christmas Tree Guide



There's nothing more special at Christmas time than the scent and appearance of a real tree in your home.

Real trees offer great value too - pot grown trees are alive and if looked after well can look great next Christmas too!

## Our trees in stock:

### Nordman Fir

*[Abies nordmanniana]*

The **most popular** "no needle drop" tree – no scent but very regular dense branches. Can be quite wide at the bottom. (Available pot grown or as a cut tree)



### Lodgepole Pine

*[Pinus contorta]*

**Gorgeous scent**, wide spaced branches – great for a larger space. Few needles likely to fall. Less well-known. (Available as a cut tree)



### Fraser Fir

*[Abies fraseri]*

A great traditional Christmas tree, deep green and a **strong lovely scent** (this is the **most popular tree in North America**). The Fraser Fir is usually **slimmer** than the Nordman shape. (Available as a cut tree)



### (Norway) Spruce

*[Picea abies]*

Those needles – they can be sustained with good management – see below. This is the **traditional Christmas tree and that scent!** (Available as a cut tree)



### Korean Fir

*[Abies koreana]*

A **good-looking** bushy tree with a lovely scent and cones. Known **good results** when **planted out in Shetland**.

(Available this year as a very small pot grown tree)



### Serbian Spruce

*[Picea omorika]*

The Serbian or Omorika spruce has **dark green colouring** and a slimmer, more graceful conical shape than other trees.

(Available this year as a very small pot grown tree)



# How to get the best from your Real Christmas Tree

1. Keep the tree cool (outside or in a garage or shed) for as long as possible, keep watered.
2. Once inside, keep the tree away from direct heat, if possible, e.g. radiators, underfloor heating, etc.
3. These top-quality trees have been pruned to give them better shape. To get the best shape from your pruned tree, remove the netting and then starting from the base, gently bend the branches down past the horizontal, they will then spring back to their growing position.

## POT GROWN Christmas trees

Pot Grown Christmas Trees are alive, so it's important to care for them correctly.

- You should see very little needle drop from your Pot Grown Tree.
- The bonus to Pot Grown Trees is that, if correctly looked after, this tree can survive for years, to be taken in for future Christmases, or simply planted out in your garden.
- We have carefully chosen varieties that thrive well outside in Shetland with some shelter.
- **How to care for your Pot Grown tree:**
  1. Leave the plant outside for as long as possible.
  2. When you bring the tree inside, place the container on a saucer or in a waterproof outer pot.
  3. Water the tree daily when indoors but don't water-log it; this will significantly improve the life of your tree.
- **After Christmas – planting your tree:**
  1. After Christmas has passed, place your tree in a garage or porch for a few weeks to help acclimatize it before planting outside, water when dry.
  2. Choose a sunny spot, if possible, to ensure that it grows with an even shape.
  3. Dig a large hole. Mulch well and ensure good drainage. Place tree and root-ball in hole, loosening roots, and refill with soil, with root collar at ground level. Water well.

## CUT Christmas trees

- Cut Christmas trees do a great job for up to 3 weeks inside if looked after correctly.
- Nordman Fir, Fraser Fir, and Lodgepole Pine trees hold on to their needles well and will give you virtually no needle drop. These will eventually cast some needles depending on the conditions and species.
- **How to care for your Cut tree:**
  1. Saw the bottom two inches off the trunk
  2. Place in your Christmas tree stand (pot) **Tree stands on sale here!**
  3. Fill your stand with water and keep topping this up DAILY – this is vital to keep your tree looking good.

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