

How to choose the right tree

Real trees offer variety, both in shape and size, meaning you can get the perfect one to suit your home. Before choosing, measure the space in your home, remembering that the tree stand could add to the height.



You can check if it is fresh by holding the inside of a branch and gently pulling your hand towards you. The needles should stay on the tree. Varieties to choose from:

- **Nordmann Fir** - Soft, dark green foliage and excellent needle retention has made this UK's most popular real Christmas tree.
- **Nordmann Fir Slimline** - Soft, dark green foliage and excellent needle retention, trimmed from young age to keep it in compact shape. It is ideal for small places.
- **Fraser Fir** - splendid for smaller spaces due to its compact shape, a good needle retention, lighter green in colour and has a delicious balsam scent. It is the most popular and bestselling tree in the USA.



How do I care for my tree?

Traditionally cut Christmas trees we took into the house for the 12 days of Christmas. To help your tree look fresh, try not to bring your tree inside in the warmth in earlier December. It is risky to expect them to survive for five weeks inside as they can dry out and turn crispy and dull. We recommend storing cut trees outside after buying as long as possible. Make a fresh cut with a saw off the bottom of the tree trunk and store it in a bucket of water until you are ready to bring it inside and put it in your stand. Place your tree away from the direct heat, such as radiators or an open fire, and keep the container topped up with water every day.

How do I dispose of my tree?

Once the festive season is over, if your tree has roots you can plant it in January and care for it through the year to enjoy it again next Christmas.

Alternatively, you can dispose of your tree in several environmentally friendly ways. Many councils organise special collections or drop off points for used Christmas trees (search online for ones near you), and real trees can be used for chippings.