

## How to pick the perfect Christmas tree at Whitney's Farm



First you have to select the type of tree that you would like

- If you are looking for a tree that is very fragrant then a Balsam fir is the tree for you
- If you are looking for a tree that has good needle retention and strong branches to hold all of your ornaments then a Fraser fir is the tree for you
- If you are looking for a tree that has soft and fluffy branches with a soft fragrance then a Douglas fir is for you
- If you are looking for a tree that has very dense branching and thick branches then a Blue Spruce is for you

Make sure to measure the area that you are putting your tree to make sure you select the correct size. Take into account the height of the stand you will be using as well as the height of the tree topper that you will be using.

Now that you have selected the type of tree that you want you need to make sure that is a good strong healthy tree

- Grab a branch of the tree with your hand and pull the needles through your hand and if needles do not easily remove then you have found a healthy tree
- Spin the tree around on the peg to see if it loses a lot of needles keep looking, firs will lose interior needles normally, and you do not want to see needles falling off of the branches. If the needles are falling off the branches keep looking.
- You want to look for a tree that is dark green in color, if the tree is a pale green or brown keep looking.

Getting your tree wrapped in tree netting is the best way to transport your tree and easiest way to get your tree into your home.

Make sure that you cut at least 1" off of the bottom of the tree. This allows for water to move through the tree once it is in your home

Make sure to have your tree securely attached to your vehicle as you leave the lot, you do not want to lose it driving down the road

We provide a fresh cut, tree netting and we secure the tree to the top of your car for all for the trees that we sell off of our Christmas tree lot.

Once you get it home you want to get it set up right away.

Using a stand straight type of tree stand will make setting up your Christmas tree much easier then setting it up with a conventional tree stand. The stand straight tree system is a stand that has a tapered pin in the center of the stand. We will drill a hole in the bottom and center of the tree for you and when you get home all you have to do it put the tree on the peg in the stand, add some hot water and tree preservative, remove the netting and you are ready to decorate.

Once you tree is in the house and in its stand make sure you add hot water, the hot water keeps the sap in the tree from stiffening up and allows the tree to absorb more water.

You do not want the water level in your tree stand to go below the cut end of your Christmas tree, if this happens the sap in the tree will dry out and your tree will not be able to absorb water.

The addition of a tree preservative can greatly extend the life your Christmas tree.