

PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS  
CHRISTMAS TREE: CHOOSE IT, USE IT AND REUSE IT CHECKLIST

**Choose It:**

- Know what size will fit in your room
- Measure the opening in your stand and make sure the trunk size you choose will fit the stand
- Take the measurements and a tape measure with you when choosing a tree
- Check for freshness (run fingers down a branch)
- Know what type of tree you want (Douglas fir, Fraser fir, cypress, pine)
- Make sure you can transport your tree home safely in your vehicle
- Bring a tarp or blanket to place the tree on to avoid damaging your vehicle
- Bring gloves for handling the tree
- Most tree sellers will have rope, but consider bringing your own
  
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**Use it:**

- Recut the trunk (many tree sellers will do this for you)
- Place freshly cut trunk in water as soon as possible (within an hour is best)
- Place the tree in your home away from heating or fire sources
- Use a sturdy stand
- Consider attaching the stand to a piece of plywood for more stability
- Make sure the tree is in the stand tightly and level
- Place waterproof sheet under the tree stand to protect flooring
- Light your tree only when you are home (otherwise unplug the lights)
- Do not run light cords across walkways or where they can be tripped over
- Water, water, water

*Tip: If each ornament has its own home (box, space in a container or wrapper) there will be less of a chance that you will leave an ornament on the tree when the holiday is over*

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**Reuse It:**

- Place the tree in your yard as a wildlife shelter
- Chip and use the mulch in garden beds
- Donate to wildlife habitat
- Drop it off at a recycling center
- Do not store the tree inside your garage while you are waiting to dispose of it
  
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