

Caring for your Christmas tree

Despite the overwhelming choice of imitation and non-drop trees, Christmas just isn't Christmas for many people without the fresh pine scent of the traditional Norway Spruce



● **Buying:** Waiting till last minute may land you with a dried-out tree. Buy fresh tree in good time and stand in bucket of water until needed

● **Appearance:** Strong colour and fragrance indicates that tree has been cut recently

● **Condition:** Run your hand along branch. Needles should spring back but not drop



● **Care:** Saw 3cm from bottom of trunk to remove dried sap and allow tree to soak up water. Place tree in sturdy stand or bucket of gravel – add water as needed. Don't stand tree in soil or fine sand as pores can become blocked



Norway Spruce
can grow to 40m

● **Safety:** Place tree in coolest location indoors away from fireplaces or radiators to prevent drying out and reduce chances of stray sparks igniting tree

Do not overload extension cords. Check tree lights for worn, exposed or frayed wire and broken or cracked bulbs

● **Disposal:** Have old tree mulched, or cut up for firewood

