

7 THINGS TO WATCH FOR WHEN CHOOSING A CHRISTMAS TREE

MAKE SURE IT WILL FIT THROUGH YOUR DOOR

The Province of Ontario passed the Christmas Tree Day Act in 2016 proclaiming the first Saturday of December each year as Christmas Tree Day.

If you are heading out to purchase a locally grown Ontario Christmas tree, here are seven things to keep in mind when choosing your tree:

1. Real Christmas trees are an all-natural and healthy option – no plastic and no chemicals.

2. Finding a locally

grown Christmas tree is easy. Look for an Ontario Wood tag when picking a tree from a lot or retailer, or take your family and friends to harvest your own at a local tree farm.

3. Make sure you're prepared by measuring your door frames and rooms before you purchase, so you don't buy a tree that is too big – and don't forget to take a tape measure with you when you shop.

4. Not sure how to identify a fresh tree? Fresh needles won't fall off when you slide your hand along the branches and they won't break when you bend them.

5. Take good care of



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6. Need inspiration to decorate your tree? Invite your family and friends over and decorate together.

7. Locally grown Christmas trees aren't the only way you can decorate your home this season – add a festive touch with a locally

grown wreath, garland, poinsettia or amaryllis to decorate your home.

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