

Pick your own tree then cut it down at several area farms

One of the finer traditions at Christmas time is bundling up the family to choose and cut a tree.

Yuletide trees are available by the score at neighborhood nurseries and parking lots, but for those who enjoy braving the cold and snow there are several cut-your-own tree growers in the local area.

The advantages to cutting a tree include just-picked freshness and the ability to see how the tree stands (so you know whether or not the trunk is bowed before you get it home).

While some may feel it's not worth the trouble of bundling up the children, memories of the family's excursion will last long after the tree is put out by the side of the road.

Several of the tree farms offer hot cider and other refreshments to novice tree cutters.

Raymerville break-ins

The Cupoccino Cafe was the victim of a break in Nov. 27 at 12:19 a.m. The cafe, in the Raymerville Shopping Centre was broken into by smashing a window. Police say \$200 cash was taken.

A dry cleaner in Stone Mason Plaza was broken into between 7 p.m. on Nov. 27 and 8 a.m. on Nov. 28. The front door window of Superior Dry Cleaners was smashed and the premises were searched. Police say nothing appears to be missing from the store.

The Christmas Tree Growers' Association of Ontario recommends that tree cutters bring their own saw and enough rope to tie the tree to the car. Warm clothing and suitable footwear are a must.

Some of the farms have automatic baling machines which wrap the tree in rope to make it easier to transport.

Some of the local tree farms include:

- Bose-McMillen Tree Farm 895-5900 Hwy 404 north to Aurora Sdrd. ½ km E to Woodbine Ave. 2 km N to St. John's Rd. 3 km E to farm. Follow signs. Scotch pine and spruce. Open daily.
- Breezy Acres 921-5893 Hwy 48 to Mount Albert Rd. (York Rd. 13) 7 km E. Scotch pine. Ample parking. Weekends.
- Devins Christmas Tree Farm 888-1637 Hwy 404 to Aurora Rd. 3 km E to 5th Conc. S2 km to farm. Scotch pine and spruce. Wagonrides, fires, hot chocolate and snacks, tree baling. Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Drysdale Forest Ballantrae Farm 444-9159 Hwy 404 to Bloomington Rd. E to Hwy 48. N to Ballantrae. Follow signs to farm. Mainly spruce. Ample off road parking. Weekends only.
- Frosty's Tree Farm 961-8492 Hwy 48 8 km N of Ballantrae and Aurora Sdrd. Scotch pine and spruce. Weekends only.
- Horton's Magic Hill Tree Farm 888-1738 Hwy 404 to Bloomington Rd. E past Hwy 48 to 9th Line (lights). N. 3 km

to farm. Scotch and white pine, spruce. Potted trees, balers, hay rides and slides, magic shows, play barn animals, museum munch house, fires. Open daily.

- Artymko's Cut Your Own and precut. 14th Ave. ¼ mile W of McCowan Rd. Open daily. Candy canes for kids.
- Taylor Christmas Trees Hwy 48 N to Bloomington Sdrd. E to 2nd Concession Uxbridge township (Goodwood). Scotch pine. Open weekends 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Cormacks Tree Farm 640-4692 Hwy 48 N to Bloomington Sdrd. E to Front St. (Conc. 3) Goodwood. N 2½ miles to farm. Spruce or Scotch pine from \$12. Refreshments sold. Open Sat. Dec. 13, Sun. Dec. 14.
- Vivian Plantation 473-3537 Hwy 48 N to Vivian Rd. Scotch pine and spruce 5 to 8 feet tall. Open dawn to dusk Monday to Saturday. Mulled cider and hot chocolate served.

Construction site theft

A tool used for breaking up cement was taken from a construction site in Unionville last weekend. The Kengel gun, valued at \$1,200, was stolen from Lot 91 on Carrington St. in Unionville. Police say it went missing sometime between Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 1. The gun is owned by Donald Construction in Rexdale.

Car stereos are missing

A car stereo was stolen from a car parked on Washington St. between 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 7:15 a.m. on Dec. 2. The value of the stereo is \$500. Damage to the car is estimated at \$100. The other stereo, also worth \$500 was taken out of a car parked on Albert St. Police say the theft took place between 3 and 4 a.m. on Dec. 2.



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