

1. How big is the room that the tree will be put in?

Make sure you measure the height of the room first! Lots of people don't do this, and then find that when they get home they have bought a tree that is either too big or too small. We have christmas trees that are all different sizes at Sapcote Garden Centre, ranging from as little as 4ft to as high as 9ft, so we will be sure to accommodate your needs.

2. How wide can the tree be?

Again, make sure you know how big the space is where the tree will go. Try and have a space where you can access the back without too much trouble.

3. You need a heavy tree!

The heavier the tree, the more moisture there is in the trunk. More moisture means the tree is healthier, which in turn means that it will last longer and will not drop its needles. Try and pick out a tree that has some good weight to it. Our staff can help you with this, and if the tree is too heavy to carry, they will even take it to the car for you.

4. Choose your tree as early as possible.

At Sapcote Garden Centre, we only get one delivery of trees per year, so try and come down early to get the best choice of trees. We find that people who come down later on in the Christmas period often can't get the size that they really wanted, and have a limited choice. Avoid disappointment by coming early - even if you don't put the tree up right away! Also, the sooner you can buy your tree, the sooner it can be watered and be kept healthy.

5. Do you need a new base for your tree?

You may already have a base for your tree; in which case try and come to choose your tree knowing how wide the trunk needs to be. We can cut bits off for you here at Sapcote Garden Centre and will do our best to make sure that the trunk will fit. If you do not have a base, you can purchase one from us along with your tree. We have different colours and styles available.

How to keep your tree healthy during the Christmas period:

1. Make a fresh cut at the base of the tree.

We recommend that when you get your tree, you make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk. Cutting off about 1cm will ensure that the tree can take up as much moisture as possible. If you don't make a fresh cut you can run the risk of having a trunk that has closed up its pores, and therefore will struggle to take up water.

2. Keep the base topped up with water.

Christmas trees can drink up to 1 pint of water a day, depending on the size of the tree; so keep an eye on water levels in the base! Top it up as often as is necessary to keep your tree looking healthy.

3. Keep the tree away from radiators and other heat sources.

Positioning your tree near a heat source will speed up its death. It will dry the tree out fast and cause it to drop its needles. Try and find somewhere that does not change temperature much.