

Your Choice of Christmas Tree

Since 1975, Villager Nursery has been providing fresh-cut Christmas trees for local homeowners and holiday visitors. While tree lots in many locations are closed-up by mid-December, we usually deliver and supply **most** our fresh trees in the last two weeks before Christmas. The Villager always has the freshest cut trees around with ours being harvested the same day (or just a day before) they arrive in our "refrigerated" nursery. We offer plantation cultured Noble Fir, from high in the north coast range, in both open-style and densely hedged forms. We also offer high country native Silvertip (Red Fir) and White Fir, hand-harvested by Villager staff. The Villager also has an abundant stock of robust potted spruce for you to enjoy during the holidays (indoors or on your porch), then plant in your landscape to enjoy for years to come.



The Villager offers all the fresh extras that help make the season special. Unique varieties of poinsettia, giant amaryllis, paperwhite and prepared hyacinth bulbs, fresh greens, boughs, thick garlands, dense wreaths, natural and botanical ornament, excellent garden naturalist books and many perfect gifts for gardeners including Villager Nursery garden gift cards.



Living Christmas Trees

We carry only tree species that are cold-hardy, tolerant of varied growing conditions, easy to transplant and suitably shaped as Christmas trees (Colorado, Green, Engelmann and Black Hills Spruce).



Helping your living Christmas tree thrive.

- When buying your living or fresh cut tree, bring a tarp to cover it if you plan to transport it in an open truck. A rapid drop in temperature that can occur with wind chill in an open truck may damage your tree.

We offer delivery services for your convenience.

- If you like, dig a hole early for planting after the holidays. Cover the hole with boards for safety and access.

- While outdoors, protect the tree's roots (in the pot) from drying wind and sun. Water with snow and ice even if the soil is frozen.

- * If possible, give the tree roots a chance to *thaw slightly in the garage or sheltered porch 3-4 days before going inside.*

- While indoors, place the tree away from sources of heat: wood stoves, furnaces, heat registers.

- Keep the tree indoors for *less than 10 days*; longer puts the tree in peril (this is really important).

- While indoors keep the soil moist. Water daily with a little snow or a few ice cubes.

- Decorate carefully with cool miniature or L.E.D. lights.

After Christmas (when trees may suffer):

- *De-acclimation to cold may occur in trees while indoors.*

- *Slowly re-acclimate the tree to the cold outside:* Move the tree from the house to a location of barely freezing intermediate temperature for *at least a week* (the coldest part of the garage or sheltered porch).

- After the transition, move the tree to the prepared hole (leave the tree in pot) or to a location where the root ball will be out of the sun and where the tree will receive natural snowfall. Keep the pot and rootball covered in snow if possible. Keep your tree's roots cold and moist all winter. Protect the roots from repeated freezing and thawing.

- Finish planting in early spring. Remove any twine from the base of the trunk, amend the soil with rich mature compost: Kellogg's Gromulch, fertilize at planting time with G&B or Dr. Earth and Biosol fertilizer (spring feed with Maxsea Acid), mulch well with Soil Building Compost and water regularly. The Villager has detailed planting instructions for you to take home.

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Our Silvertip (Red Fir) and White Fir are from high elevation north slopes. These trees keep ornaments suspended freely between branches.

Our fresh-cut Noble fir come from a small farmer who has been harvesting healthy, plantation grown, lightly pruned, and beautifully shaped trees for many years. The trees are vigorous and hold up well indoors. We have the trees cut when our truck is on it's way to pick them up and we have them back to our "refrigerated" climate within 36 hours. We keep most of the trees protected in cold shade before bringing them out for display.

Noble Fir have THE most intense Christmas fragrance.

Reserve a Tree

We are happy to reserve your fresh tree (to your specifications) that you can pick-up or have delivered close to the date you intend to use it. We do offer delivery and set-up services. Truckee often sells-out of Christmas trees.

Protecting Your Tree

Protect your fresh tree from freeze burn on the way home. If transporting it on a cold day or night cover the tree with a tarp or place it inside the car. Make a fresh cut of 1-2" *just* before you put your tree in water and never let the water level drop below the butt. The first 3 days are crucial. The first day trees are cold and often "drink" very little then suddenly consume huge volumes for the next two days. Do NOT let the reservoir run dry! Use a cut flower preservative to minimize needle drop and maximize fragrance and safety.

Tree Donations

Each Christmas, some families bring their living Christmas tree to the Villager after the holidays. We put their names on their trees and arrange to have them planted along the fence of the Truckee Cemetery where they'll provide beauty, screening from I-80 and shade for generations to come.

Sleds and Ice Skating

The pond at the top of McIver Meadow (across the street) was made by the owners of the old Gateway Motel. The hill has been used for sledding for over 100 years. We encourage everyone to enjoy the snow and ice safely and fully. We offer sleds and free parking in winter.

