

Potted Nordmann



You may know that all our trees are unwrapped and on display allowing you to take your time to select the one for you. We will be happy to help you select your tree and wrap it again for you to take home.

Have a look at our trees, compare the quality to what you see for sale around and about, we feel confident you will be as happy with our trees as we are.

If you require any further information, please ask our outdoor plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

#### Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm  
Sunday: 9.30am – 4pm

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## Christmas Trees



## Care & Advice Sheet

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Inspiration for your Home & Garden

## Choosing your Tree

At Chessington Garden Centre we have over twenty years experience of selling Christmas Trees.

We have tried many different types and grades of tree and gathered as much feedback from our customers as we could about how they performed. The Noble Fir has constantly been our most popular tree for several years.

## NOBLE FIR



This is not the most widely available "non drop" tree but it is the only real "non drop" variety. The needle retention is second to none. We have kept trees for over a year and the needles have still been firmly attached to the stems, even if they had gone a reddish brown by August.

Superb scent is released from the needles when taken into the house and the foliage is a very pleasing blue/green. The Noble Fir also makes a much bushier, more conical shape than the other 'non drop' trees due to it's slower growth and better response to pruning.

## NORWAY SPRUCE



The traditional Christmas tree, as seen in Trafalgar Square. The Norway Spruce forms the typical pointed conical shape when pruned annually from young. The scent is very good and the deep green colour is sometimes enhanced by new growth buds of a brighter green at the shoot tips.

## NORDMANN FIR

The Nordmann Fir is the most widely available needle retaining tree but does not hold the needles as well as the Noble Fir. The colour and appearance is quite different being a soft green with silver undersides and a looser more open branch arrangement.

Because of its faster growth rate, the Nordmann is available in larger sizes, up to 2.5m.



**Our trees are all grown in the UK and Ireland which means that they can be cut later than trees grown further afield. This combined with the correct care once your tree is in the home will help delay the inevitable needle drop that the Norway Spruce will experience.**

## Care for your Tree

To get the best out of your tree treat it as if it were a cut flower.

- Keep away from heat sources
- Keep in a stand that holds water and top it up
- Make a fresh cut across the base of the trunk prior to taking it inside
- Keep it outside until you are ready to put it up. The later it goes inside the fresher it will remain
- Keep it as cool as possible. A higher temperature will cause it to use up it's stored moisture more quickly.

## Care for Pot Grown Lifetime Trees

Treat as any normal garden tree.

- If it is being used inside bring it in for the shortest time possible and plant into a larger pot.
- Keep the soil moist because as soon as it gets into the warm, it's going to think its Summer and start using large amounts of water.