

Avoid trees that are in poor health



Choose the right size



Check where a tree's lower branches fall

Have your tree mechanically shaken



Cut the base of the trunk



Wrap the tree

If transport time from the retail lot or farm to your home is more than 15 minutes, wrap the tree in a tarp or carry it in an enclosed vehicle such as the back of a pick-up. The strong wind/drag of driving 55 mph down a highway can damage a tree in short time.



Orientation on the car

Place the bottom of the tree trunk aiming forward to protect needles from being blown off. Make sure to tie it securely.

Never burn a tree after taking it down

Burning a fresh tree in a fireplace or wood stove is hazardous. Pine trees have a lot of sap which can flash or create a chimney fire.

