

Living Holiday Trees – Potted Evergreens

With the proper planning and execution, you can enjoy the beauty of your holiday tree for years to come by utilizing a living tree this season.

Plant	Botanic Name	Height	Color	Mature Height	Mature Width
Baby Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Baby Blue'	48"	Blue	20'-25'	15'
Baby Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Baby Blue'	60"	Blue	20'-25'	15'
Norway Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	48"	Green	40'-60'	25'-30'
Norway Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	5'	Green	40'-60'	25'-30'
Serbian Spruce	<i>Picea omorika</i>	36"	Dark Green	40'-60'	15'-20'
Serbian Spruce	<i>Picea omorika</i>	48"	Dark Green	40'-60'	15'-20'

Displaying Indoors or Above Ground

Ideally your living holiday tree should be inside for less than a week to ensure that it does not break the dormancy cycle. Plan to store your tree on a porch, balcony, or cold room until you're ready to display it. When inside, the tree should be kept away from hot air vents to avoid drying out foliage (needles). Pots and/or trays with water can be placed close to the tree or near air vents to raise humidity near the tree. The pot and root ball add about 14" to the height of the trees.

Moving the Tree Outdoors

When you're ready to take the tree back outside it should first be stored in a garage or somewhere out of the elements and harsh cold for a couple weeks to slowly acclimate it back to the cold. Then it can be planted or stored outside in a semi-sheltered area until spring. If the plant was inside for more than a week the long-term survivability of the plant will decline.



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Watering the Tree

While the tree is stored on a porch, balcony, or cold room and the area is above freezing it should be watered once every two weeks. While in the house it should be watered every other day.

Planting Information

Our potted trees arrive in a plantable fiber pot with metal carrying handles. The pots are a little more attractive than the traditional black pots and make planting easier by allowing you to place the entire pot and wire basket in the ground when planting. When planting remember to bend the handles down below the soil or cut them off with cutting pliers. It's also important to make sure that none of the fiber pot is exposed to the air after planting as it tends to wick moisture from the ground. The pot typically breaks down in 3 to 4 months after planting. The wire lasts 10 years or more but does not affect root growth. While above ground the pot will remain intact for more than 2 years but tends to degrade from there.