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Christmas Tree Selection and Care

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Christmas tree selection and care.

It's almost time for the holiday season, and nothing feels more festive than decorating a real Christmas tree.

You can purchase a pre-cut Christmas tree, cut one yourself at a local tree farm, or select a potted living tree.

Before selecting your tree, be sure you know how much room you have. There's nothing worse than buying a Christmas tree that's too big for your home!

When choosing a cut tree, look for signs of dryness or deterioration, such as excessive needle loss.

Before placing your tree in a sturdy stand, give the trunk a fresh cut so that it can take up water. Check the reservoir daily to make sure that it's full - you'll want to provide your tree with plenty of water to keep it green and healthy.

For more information about Christmas trees and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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