



Christmas Trees... **GREEN UP the holidays!**

Fresh-cut vs. artificial trees...which should you deck your halls with?
Here are some of the pros and cons of REAL vs. ARTIFICIAL Christmas trees.

Fresh-Cut

PROS:

- Let's face it - the FRAGRANCE!
- Purchasing local trees supports local tree farmers
- Natural trees can be recycled in the Christmas Tree Chipping Program
- Did you know you can harvest one tree for free on Crown Land (contact the MNR for info)

CONS:

- A real tree only lasts one season
- Natural trees need water as they are flammable if allowed to dry out

Artificial

PROS:

- Can be reused season after season
- Come in a variety of colours and styles
- Don't need watering like fresh-cut trees

CONS:

- No natural fragrance
- Can be pricier than fresh-cut trees
- Artificial trees have a higher carbon footprint than locally grown fresh-cut trees – but an artificial tree can be a responsible option if you use it for many years before it hits the landfill.

Don't forget to check the City of Thunder Bay's Christmas Recycling webpage at www.thunderbay.ca/christmas for fresh tree chipping locations and tips on reducing waste over the holidays.



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