

SIZE

At Robins & Morton, our tree motto is simple: “Go Big.” But there is such a thing as “too big.” Select a tree that is full and balanced, but always leave an appropriate space for a tree topper. See Fig. 1

TYPE

Tree type will vary according to local availability. Select a tree type that works well for your decorating schematic. For safety, sites with heavier ornaments require firm branches and frequent watering.

Code revision December 2005 allows the use of Prefabricated trees that meet approved standards. See Fig. 2

PLACEMENT

For maximum neighborhood beautification, always place Christmas trees near front-facing windows. Distribute lights evenly for interior and exterior viewing. Leave a minimum 5’ radius of floor space clear for tree skirts, presents, and trains. Never position a live Christmas tree close to a fireplace. See Fig. 3

FIG. 2

	Fir		Pine			Spruce		Norway	Blue	Prefab
	Douglas	Balsam	Fraser	Scotch	White	White				
Needle Lifespan (no water)	4	5	5	5	5	3	1	4	5	
Needle Lifespan (water)	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	5	5	
Firmness	2	3	3	5	2	4	2	5	5	
Fragrance	5	5	4	3	4	1	3	3	N/A*	
Needle Softness	5	5	5	2	5	3	3	3	5	
Cost	2	3	3	5	4	3	2	1	5	

Rating Scale: 1min — 5max

*Consider a pine scented candle

FIG. 3

