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# Where to buy a live Christmas tree in the Stark County region

#### Repository staff report

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Looking for a live Christmas tree to liven up your home this holiday season? There are plenty of options in Stark and surrounding counties.

But, to avoid a Clark Griswold moment, there are a few tips to keep in mind. Doc Miller's Christmas Trees co-owner Laura Wackwitz recommends first measuring the living space and tree to ensure it can fit through a door.

"If people go to a choose and cut tree farm, the trees look a lot smaller in the field than they will in their living room," she said.

It's best to cut the tree below the branches that will become the bottom. The base should be cut about a quarter-inch before being placed in water to keep sap from sealing it, and lower branches likely will need to be trimmed for a stand.

Wackwitz said customers also would be wise to check under branches for brown praying mantis egg sacs if the tree comes from a farm that doesn't use pesticides. If found, they can be relocated with a twist tie to a bush outside.

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"It's nice to have them outside, but it is not nice to have them inside," she said.

Limiting the heat around the tree will slow the fall of needles. But once they fall, their tendency to poke through socks depends on tree type.

Spruce trees have strong branches that can hold heavy ornaments, Wackwitz said, but they're also "a very sharp tree."

Luckily, there are numerous area tree farms to scour for whatever type suits your Christmas needs.

#### **STARK COUNTY**

**Brenner Christmas Tree Farm:** 1717 Howenstine Dr. SE, East Sparta, 330-484-1283, thetreefarm@yahoo.com or http://brennertreefarm.hypermart.net/. Choose and cut your own tree. Open starting Friday, Nov. 26, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. every day. Varieties: Norway spruce, blue spruce and white pine. No fir trees.

**Doc Miller's Christmas Trees:** 12666 German Church St. NE, Lexington Township. Open Nov. 27 through Dec. 22 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Gate closes at 5 p.m.) Self-service; no assistance available for cutting, shaking, or loading trees this year. All choose-and-cut trees are \$60 (tax included), according to website. Cash, check, PayPal. Exact change only. No power saws or dogs allowed. No trailers in lot. Contact 717-706-5562 or doc@millerschristmastrees.com or millerschristmastrees.com.

**Ernie's Bike Shop**, 135 Lake Ave. NW, Massillon. 330-832-5111. Freshly cut Scotch pines and Fraser firs from 5 feet to 12 feet. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

**Greens and Things Nursery:** 4004 Applegrove St. NW, North Canton. 330-497-4882. Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pre-cut, locally grown Christmas trees or live burlap balled trees to plant after the holiday. Also fresh cut and assembled holiday wreaths in different sizes, grave pillows and blankets and winter planters. Loose greenery available so you can make your own wreath or centerpiece.

**Greentree Farm:** 8745 Fulton Dr. NW, Jackson Township. 330-904-7104, www.rkingtrees.com, email: rkingtrees@gmail.com. Choose and harvest your own Christmas tree or pick from fresh-cut trees. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Hours subject to change due to weather. Cut-your-own tree prices start at \$50 each, according to website, and farm has Blue, White, Serbian and Norway Spruce at this time.

**Lowe's** in Jackson Township, Massillon and Alliance. Store hours at all three locations are 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Pre-cut trees.

**Moore's Tree Farm:** 6767 Edison St. NE (state Route 619), Marlboro Township, 3.5 miles east of Hartville and 1 mile west of state Route 44. 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, until Dec. 19. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 26. Cut your own or employees will cut for you. Free tree shaking, baling and drilling. Wreaths and centerpieces. 330-877-6520 or www.moorestreefarm.com.

**Nolan Nursery:** 6017 12th St. NW, Perry Township. 330-575-8019. Live, pre-cut Christmas trees, wreaths, grave blankets, and grave pillows. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**North Canton Repair Shop:** 1555 N. Main St., North Canton, 330-499-3529. Tentative hours (depending on staffing and tree availability; call ahead) 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Selling pre-cut trees supplied by Pine Hollow Farm in Carroll County.

**Williams Tree Farm:** 1926 Battlesburg St. SW, Pike Township. Interstate 77 south to Fohl Road (Exit 99), left 1 mile to Dueber Avenue, right 2.5 miles to Battlesburg Street, left 1 mile and follow signs. Hours 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 24. Cut your own, or employees will assist. 330-484-5306 or email williamstreefarm@msn.com.

**Windy Hill Tree Farm:** 2526 Manchester Ave. SW (state Route 93), Tuscarawas Township, 5 miles southwest of Massillon, 1.8 miles south of state Route 172. Already cut or cut your own. Open daily during daylight hours until Dec. 24. 330-833-0825.

## **CARROLL**

**Brunk's Tree Farm:** 5105 Pinto Rd. SE, Carrollton, 330-868-8114. Sales will be at Sander's Markets (open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. every day; 330-476-6294) in Carrollton and, starting Friday, Nov. 26, at the house on Pinto Road, seven miles from town. Hours at the house are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. every day. Selling 6- to 8-foot cut Frasers, dug Blue Spruce, dug Norway Spruce and more.

**Smith Evergreen Nursery:** 288 S. Main St., Magnolia. Dec. 4 only, noon-4 p.m., and you MUST book a time slot; call 330-575-2479 or email iansmith4234@gmail.com. You choose and you cut, or employee can cut for you. Trees tied, tree shaking provided, trees baled, free tree trimmings, saws provided. Payment: Cash, Visa/MasterCard.

#### **COLUMBIANA**

**D'Apolito Tree Farm:** 13420 Cusick Rd., Lisbon, 330-360-6588, on Facebook or email cynthia\_dapolito@yahoo.com. Opens Friday, Nov. 26, and will be open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Windy Hill Tree Nursery, 2435 Fisher Road, East Liverpool, 330-383-1161, windyhilltreenursery.com. Open 10 a.m. to dark every day. Pick your own tree or choose one already cut from nine species of Christmas trees. Saws provided, trees bagged and tied. Also wagon rides, sleigh rides, Christmas wreaths and boughs. Directions: Take Route 11 to Route 170 exit. Follow 170 E to Calcutta Smith Ferry Road, continue three miles. Turn right on Fisher Road and look for the signs.

#### **MAHONING**

**Fodor Tree Farm:** 1606 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland, fodortreefarm.com/ or on Facebook, email t.fodor@fodortreefarm.com. Opens Friday, Nov. 26. Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Assistance available for cutting, shaking and loading trees. The farm is a half mile east of Interstate 680 heading toward Poland on Western Reserve Road. Varieties: Colorado Blue Spruce, Concolor Fir, Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir and Norway Spruce.

Pioneer Trails Tree Farm: 4222 Center Road (Route 224), Poland, 330-757-0884 or 330-501-6756, pioneertrailstreefarm.com or on Facebook, email: pioneertrailstreefarm@gmail.com. Open noon-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, noon-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. You choose and you cut, or precut Christmas trees, living Christmas trees (to plant later) available. Trees tied, tree shaking provided, saws provided. Also, Christmas wreaths, Christmas boughs, garlands, wagon rides, gift shop on site. Directions: about 10 miles south of Youngstown. Take Interstate 680 south to state Route 224 east, continue on state Route 224 for three miles. Farm on north side of state Route 224. Look for signs. Payment: Cash, Debit cards, Visa/MasterCard, Discover. Varieties: You-choose-and-cut varieties are Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Canaan Fir, Fraser Fir, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine. Pre-cut varieties are Fraser Fir, Scotch Pine. Living, rooted tree varieties are Canaan Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce.

**Wilcox Christmas Tree Farm:** 11400 Woodworth Road, North Lima, 330-549-9405, www.wilcoxchristmastrees.com or on Facebook. Choose and cut your own Christmas tree starting Friday. Nov. 26. Open weekdays 3:30-7 p.m., weekends 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Farm

provides saw and sled, and employees shake and bail your tree for you to take home. Varieties: Blue Spruce, Canaan Fir, Concolor Fir, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine and White Pine. Made-to-order handmade wreaths, roping, grave blankets and mantle pieces available. Gift shop on site.

#### **SUMMIT COUNTY**

**Canton Road Garden Center:** 1881 Canton Road, Springfield Township. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. More than 200 fresh-cut trees. 330-699-5888 or www.cantonroadgarden.com.

**Collier Road Christmas Trees:** 1565 Collier Road, Akron. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until Dec. 23. Family-owned. Freshly cut and live dug. Fifteen varieties of trees. Wreaths, grave markers and grave blankets. 330-573-5192, collierroadchristmastrees on Facebook.

**Graf's Garden Shop:** 1015 White Pond Drive, Akron. 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Fresh-cut trees, up to 12 feet. Delivery available. 330-836-2727 or www.grafgrowers.com.

**Heritage Farms:** 6050 Riverview Road, Peninsula, one-quarter mile south of state Route 303. Noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, until Dec. 19 or when sold out. Cut your own or freshly cut. Tree fields for cut-your-own close at 5 p.m. Tree shaking, baling and loading onto car included. Refreshments available. Greens and wreaths. Home of the Teddy Bear Trees. 330-657-2330 or www.heritagefarms.com.

**Rauh Tree Farm:** 3001 N. River Road, Stow, 2 miles east of state Route 91. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Choose and cut, or employees will cut it for you. Free shaking and baling. Large trees available. Pay with cash or check only. 330-678-7474.

**Shawnee Trail Tree Farm:** 896 Terex Road, Hudson. 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, until sold out. Turn west off state Route 91, three-quarters of a mile on left. Shaking, wrapping, wreaths, roping and arrangements, firewood. Curbside pickup available. View live animals. 330-486-7024 or shawneetrailtreefarm on Facebook.

**Stone Garden Farm & Village:** 2891 Southern Road, Richfield Township, 1.5 miles south of state Route 303. Open daily during daylight hours until Christmas. Fresh cut trees available. Gift shop, pine wreaths, homemade crafts, folk art and fresh home-baked pies and cookies. Farm animals for viewing and petting. Farm museum and more than 40 furnished

buildings, including one-room schoolhouse, weaving mill and post office. Open all year. Free admission. All sales benefit the museum. 330-212-9934, https://stonegardenfarm.com or ohiofarmmuseum.com.

### **TUSCARAWAS**

**Oak Grove Tree Farm:** 6405 Wolf Run Road, Dennison, 740-922-0056. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until out of trees. You choose, and employee cuts and bales. Christmas wreaths, Christmas boughs available. Payment: Cash, Check. Varieties: Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, White Spruce.

**McFadden Christmas Tree Farm:** 3196 Ridge Rd. NW, Strasburg, 330-878-7687. Opens Friday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. You choose and cut, or employee will cut. Gift shop on site. McFadden Tree Farm on Facebook.

**Ruetenik Farms:** 9976 Welton Road, Zoar, 330-874-2688. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. Precut trees or choose and cut your own Christmas trees, living Christmas trees (to plant later). You cut, employees shake, wrap and roll trees. Wreaths, roping, also gift shop on site. Directions: Take Interstate 77 to exit 93. Turn right onto 212 to Zoar. Follow signs. Turn left onto 82, travel 2/10 mile and turn left onto Welton Road. Travel 6/10 mile to farmhouse. (GPS Note: Enter Bolivar Ohio – not Zoar.) Varieties: Scotch Pine, White Pine, Austrian Pine, Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir, Blue Spruce, Concolor Fir.

**Wolfe's Christmas Tree & Wreath Destination:** 9230 state Route 250, Strasburg, 330-204-3933. Opens Friday, Nov. 26. Monday-Friday, 2-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Santa will visit Fridays 4 p.m. to close, and Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. for pictures.

# **MEDINA COUNTY**

**Fred's Tree Farm:** 5631 Mack Drive, Valley City, north on Pauline Drive off Grafton Road, west of Marks Road. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, through Dec. 24. Cut your own. Tree baling available. 330-225-4634.

**Green Valley Tree Farm:** 7542 Ridge Road (state Route 94), Sharon Township. 1.5 miles north of Wadsworth and 1.5 miles south of Sharon Center. 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 23. Trees cut fresh daily. Victorian pruned. Tree shaking and baling.

**Kall Christmas Tree Farm:** 3605 Foskett Road, Medina Township. Take state Route 18 to I-71, north to state Route 3 (Exit 222), left to Hamilton Road, at first stop sign, right on Foskett. Farm is seven houses down on right. 9 a.m. to dusk Friday through Sunday, through Dec. 23. Cut your own, balled and burlapped, already cut. Gift shop. Pine wreaths available. 330-725-8870 or www.kallxmastreefarm.com.

Medina Christmas Tree Farm (main location): 3301 Hamilton Road, Medina Township, 1 mile west of state Route 3 and Interstate 71. 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 21. 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Tree baling, roping, shaking and drilling. Pine wreaths and roping made on farm. Free hot chocolate for children. Refreshment stand. Campfire warming stations. Farm animals for viewing. 330-723-2106.

Medina Christmas Tree Farm (Butler Farm location): 3235 Hamilton Road, Medina Township, 1 mile west of state Route 3 and I-71. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 21. Also open Friday, Nov. 26. Roping, pine wreaths. Campfire warming station. 330-723-2106, http://medinatrees.com or email medinatrees@gmail.com for both locations.

**Ricciardi's Wadsworth Trees:** 2136 Greenwich Road, Wadsworth Township, one-quarter mile west of state Route 57. Balled and burlapped trees only available until Dec. 23. Call to order before coming to farm at 330-590-0394 or 330-590-7203.

**Timber Valley Christmas Tree Farm:** 4250 Bagdad Road, Medina. Cut your own or precut trees are available. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call 330-722-3832, 216-650-1566 or Timber Valley Christmas Tree Farm on Facebook.

# **PORTAGE COUNTY**

**Diversified Tree Farm:** 8546 Nichols Road, Freedom Township, south of state Route 303. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, until Dec. 24. Cut your own, balled and burlapped or already cut. Tree roping and shaking. Pine wreaths available. Wagon rides, free refreshments. 330-527-7409, diversifiedtreefarm on Facebook.

**H.B. Flower & Sons Tree Farm:** 1236 Hudson Road, Kent, west of state Route 43, just north of Stanton Middle School, 1 mile north of Fairchild Avenue. Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 19. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Cut your own or pre-cut. Pay with cash

**River Run Tree Farm:** 5620 Streeter Road, Mantua, take Ohio Turnpike Exit 193, left onto state Route 44, go about a half mile and turn right onto Streeter Road. Farm is about 2.5 miles on your right. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Dec. 12. Cut your own. Gift shop. Free shaking, baling and drilling. 330-888-9005, www.riverruntreefarm.com or Facebook @ River Run Tree Farm.

**Wintergreen Tree Farm:** 3898 Winchell Road, Mantua Township, 2 miles north of state Route 82, 1.5 miles west of state Route 44. Noon to dusk weekdays, 9 a.m. to dusk weekends and Friday, Nov. 26. Open through Dec. 22. Tree baling, pine wreaths. Cash or check only, no credit cards. 330-221-3835 or www.wintergreentreefarmohio.com.

#### **WAYNE COUNTY**

The Farms at Pine Tree Barn (main location): 4338 Shreve Road (state Route 226), Wooster Township, 4 miles south of Wooster, off state Route 3. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, through Dec. 19. Also open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Freshly cut, dug, balled and burlapped or cut your own. Trees up to 14 feet. Wreaths, roping and fresh greens. Christmas shop. Restaurant open for lunch. Pine Tree Express Caboose rides and Christmas bus rides are free, both on weekends only. 330-466-1755 or 330-466-0952.

The Farms at Pine Tree Barn (Valley Road location): 4485 Valley Road, Wooster Township, 4 miles south of Wooster, off state Route 3. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday only, through Dec. 12. Also open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Freshly cut, dug, balled and burlapped or cut your own. Trees up to 14 feet. Wreaths, roping and fresh greens. 330-466-1755, 330-466-0952, www.thefarmsatpinetreebarn.com, www.pinetreebarn.com or pinetreebarnfarms on Facebook for both locations.

**Galehouse Tree Farms:** Coal Bank Road and Galehouse Road, Chippewa Township. A mile southwest of Doylestown. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for cut your own. Already cut trees available 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until Dec. 22. Tree House gift shop open. Refreshments available. Live reindeer for viewing. 330-658-2480 or http://galehousetreefarms.com.

**TwinsBerry Tree Farm:** 8916 S. Jefferson Road, Shreve, on state Route 226 at north corporation limits. Noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 15. Also open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. Tree shaking. Pine wreaths available. Wagon rides offered. Local food trucks on site weekends only. 330-567-3902 or http://twinsberrytreefarm.com.

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