THINKING ABOUT



CHRISTMAS

TREES?

HOW ABOUT AN ECO-TREE?

I've been farming organically since 1972. Although I rotate my vegetable fields yearly, I have about 8 acres of marginal land on which Christmas trees have proven to be a viable and earth-conscious choice. Going against industry standards, I decided to grow trees without the use of herbicides (which stop the growth of weeds, but pollute the soil and water), pesticides or artificial colors. The results have been attractive, natural-looking, fresh- cut trees free of pesticides, sprays or colors. Although a lot more intensive manual labor has been used to grow them, I keep them affordable at \$25 - 125 a tree. **HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR:**

	ILADEE THIS TEAM.
<u>COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE</u> –	(The tallest of our trees $-6\frac{1}{2}$ up to 12 ft). Takes 22- 25 years to grow.
	Natural shape. Great for candles or heavy ornaments. Citrus- like aroma
	(sharpish needles). \$65 – 125.
DOUGLAS FIRS ** *******	*Most popular tree. Soft needles, nice aroma. 6 – 12 ft. \$60 – 100. (not
	too many this year).
CON-COLOR FIRS *******	* Soft needles, $6 - 9$ ft. $$50 - 75$. Nice aroma!
<u>WHITE PINE</u> ***********	These are the heirloom trees. Soft needles, looks pretty. <u>Cannot</u> support
	heavy ornaments though. $6 - 10$ ft. $$45 - 95$. Not too many.
<u>CANAAN FIRS</u> ***********	* $6 - 9$ ft. Very stylish. Similar to Fraser Firs. I have plenty. $$45 - 65$.
LIVE TREES ************	50-65. This year I do have the option of burlap-wrapped, rooted trees.
	However, if you want to use them they can only be kept in the house for a
	week, then placed in an unheated area for a week, and then planted
	outside. They weigh 75 – 85 lbs. Limited number. Call soon to order.
CHARLIE BROWN TREES ****	These trees are all imperfect and have their own character. \$25
DIG UP YOUR OWN TREE ****	If you want to dig and burlap a tree , you have to be able to transport it
	yourself. Cost is \$45.
TABLE TOP TREES *******	We will have some "table top" trees $(3 - 4 \text{ ft})$ and even a few I can try to
	cut in such a way that the tree can grow back and be re-shaped. These will sell for $$25 - 35$.

<u>WREATHS</u> ********************** Are \$9.00 but order <u>soon</u>. Ditto with ordering **roping**. Both limited. If you are planning to <u>give</u> a tree as a gift to <u>a teacher</u>, a limited-income family, or community worker, you can have them contact me to come and pick one out. You can give me a price range and I will steer them to the right trees. We discount gift trees.

HOW TO ORDER:

Please call me (Michael Tabor, 301 587-2248) or email esiegel2@igc.org and place your order <u>(include your name, phone, type, size and when you want to pick up)</u> as soon as possible. We'll bring trees down to Takoma Park about 2 times a week until Christmas. We also come Saturday mornings to the Adams Morgan Farm Market. If you'd like to ride up with me to the farm and pick out a tree, I'm glad to have company. We prefer payment by check.

Happy Holidays

If you've picked up this flyer at a Co-op and are a first time customer, let me know, and I'll make a contribution to the co-op if you order a tree.