



Topiarius' Guide to  
CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT  
CHRISTMAS TREE



# Choosing Your Perfect Christmas Tree

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## STEP one



BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME, DETERMINE THE SIZE TREE YOU NEED.

Measure the height of the ceiling and subtract the tree topper and height of the stand. This will tell you how tall of a tree you need to buy.

Just as important, figure out the width of tree you need. Nobody wants a tree so wide that the presents don't all fit in the room!

**Don't forget to measure the opening of your tree stand.** You'll want to make sure you don't buy a tree that won't fit. (Oops!)

## STEP two



BUY FROM A REPUTABLE SOURCE.

Call around to garden centers (or ask when you arrive) to find out when their trees are cut and where they come from. The fresher the tree, the longer it will last!

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### STEP three

YOU FOUND THE PERFECT SOURCE, NOW GET THE PERFECT TREE!

Finding the freshest tree is going to help it last the longest in your home. A few easy ways to tell if your tree is fresh:

- ❄️ Reach in about 6" to 10" inches on a branch and lightly grab and pull. You want no, or very few, needles to fall off.
- ❄️ Crush needles and then smell your hand. You want a fragrant evergreen smell.
- ❄️ Pick the tree up off the ground a little and tap it on the ground. You want it to have limited needle drop.



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### STEP four

YOU HAVE YOUR TREE & ARE READY TO SET IT UP!



Before you bring it in the house, make a fresh cut on the trunk. This allows the tree to suck up the water.



Once the trunk has been cut, you may need to remove a few lower branches so that the tree will be fully seated in your stand.



You don't want to remove any of the bark as this will stop the tree's ability to absorb water. If the tree trunk doesn't fit in your stand, you are either going to need a bigger stand or a smaller tree.



Don't remove the mesh wrapping until you have the tree in its stand and all straightened out. It is much easier to adjust when the branches are still wrapped up.



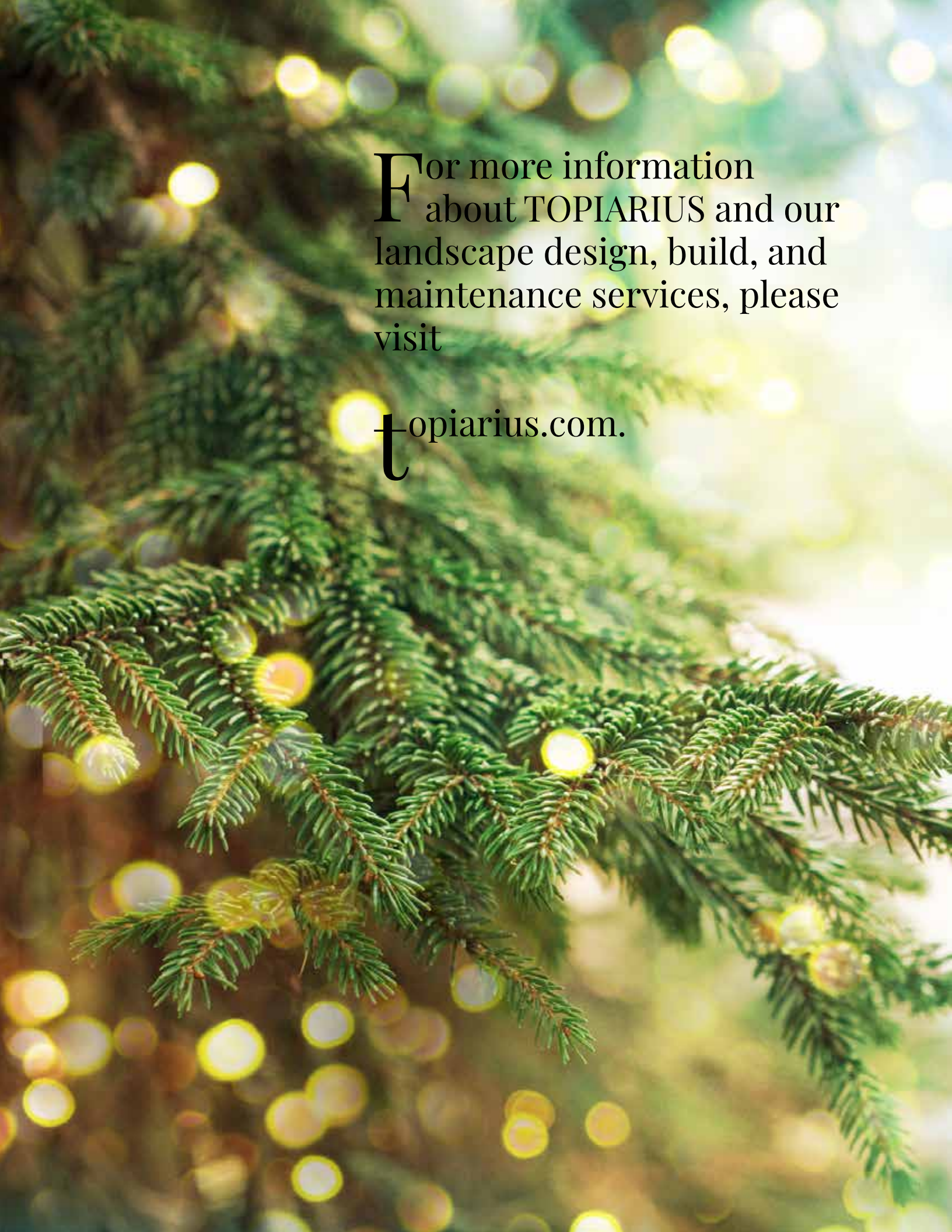
### STEP five

WATER, WATER, WATER!

The tree will likely drink at least a gallon of water the first 24 hours!

Check regularly and never let the water be below the base of the trunk.



A close-up photograph of a green evergreen branch, likely a spruce or fir, with sharp needles in focus. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow lights, suggesting a festive or holiday setting.

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