

## **Tree Pick Up Recommendations and FAQ**

To ensure a smooth and safe process when picking up and transporting your tree(s) from our designated pick-up locations, please adhere to the following recommendations:

### **Vehicle Type**

- An open truck bed, trailer, or large vehicle is recommended for transporting trees safely.
- If using a sedan, van or SUV, ensure there is ample space to accommodate the tree without damaging the branches or interior and use the following tips:

### **Wrap the Branches**

- Gently wrap the branches with twine or rope to compact them and reduce their overall width. Be careful not to tie the branches too tightly, as this can damage the tree.
- Consider using a soft material, such as a blanket or tarp, to further cushion and protect the wrapped branches.

### **Position the Tree Carefully**

- Lay down the back seats to create more space, if possible.
- Position the tree in the vehicle with the branches facing the front or back of the car, which can help prevent excessive movement during transit.
- If your tree is tall, consider placing the root ball on the floor and gently angling the tree between the front and back seats to avoid bending or breaking branches.

### **Securing Trees for Transport**

- Bring tie-down straps, ropes, or bungee cords to secure the tree in your vehicle, preventing it from moving during transit.
- Avoid placing trees on their side or dragging them, as this can damage the branches and root ball.

### **Protective Materials**

- Bring blankets, tarps, or other protective materials to place between the tree and your vehicle to prevent scratches or damage to your vehicle's paint.

- Ensure branches and foliage are protected from strong winds or potential damage during transit.

### **Driver Assistance**

- We recommend having a helper to assist in loading and unloading the tree.
- Communicate with your helper to ensure proper lifting techniques and to prevent accidents or injuries.

### **Pick-Up Location and Timing**

- Arrive at the designated pick-up location on time to ensure a smooth process for all participants.
- Follow signage and staff directions to locate your tree(s) and safely navigate the pick-up area.

By adhering to these vehicle requirements and guidelines, you can help ensure that your tree arrives at its new home in optimal condition and is ready to be planted and enjoyed for years to come.