

Decorating with fresh-cut greens

How much garland do I need??



To wrap a **spiral of garland or roping** around:

- A **lamppost**: twice the height of the post
- A **bannister or railing**: 1.5 times the length of the railing



You will need wire, clothesline, and, for a post, hooks or 2" screws.

Wrap small bunches of boughs tightly with wire.

Wrap these along a length of clothesline, using at least 1 lb. boughs per foot.

- Around a **post**, wrap the line in a spiral. Secure at intervals with hooks.
- Around a **railing**, wrap the line in a spiral or bunting style.

Window box

To stuff a **6"-deep box**, use **1-2 lb. boughs** per foot of box length.

A mix of greens is pleasing. Use balsam fir as a base; it fills a box thickly. To soften the effect, and add color and texture, add white pine, scotch pine or cedar.

Decorate the boughs with real or weatherproof berries, grasses, seed pods, dried flowers, winterberry, and/or red-twig dogwood. Add a weatherproof-ribbon bow.

Stick the boughs firmly into the soil at a pleasing angle. Spray with Wilt-Pruf.

Memorial basket or door basket

For a **15"x6"x6" basket**, you need about 3 lb. of boughs or tips.

For a **hanging door basket**, you need about 4 lb.

Using new or old potting mix or soil, fill the container to 1" from the top. Add 1" of gravel or stone.

Stick the boughs firmly into the soil at a pleasing angle. Spray with Wilt-Pruf.

Wreaths, garland, and boughs are on display in the breezeway on the west side of the tree yard, and around the yard. Pics and ribbon are at the custom-wreath table, lower level.

Selecting the right size wreath

Our wreaths are double-faced—fir on both sides of the ring—to make a fuller wreath. In a narrow space (between storm door and door, for example), use a single-face wreath.

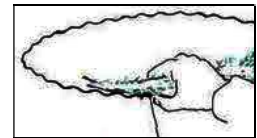
Our undecorated wreaths are balsam fir.

Ring Size (inside diameter; on our tag)	Finished Size (outside diameter)
8"	12-14"
12"	20-24"
16"	31-33"
24"	46-50"
30"	58-63"
36"	68-72"

To make your own wreath:

For a **12"** ring, an experienced wreath maker uses about **3 lb.** of tips or boughs. A novice should plan on **5 lb.**

You will need a crimped wreath ring or a double-rail ring.
Select a mix of greens.



Clump and bind the boughs to the ring with florists' wire. As you go around the ring, work them from side to side (inside-outside).

To make a 5-loop bow for a 12" wreath, you need 2-2½ yd. The a 7-8 loop bow requires 3½ yd. For outdoors, use weatherproof wired ribbon. (Wired ribbon holds its form, and is much easier to work with.)



What is the difference between *boughs* and *tips*?

Boughs – 2-3-ft. long; use for window boxes and swags.

Tips – no more than 18" long; use for wreaths, garland and centerpieces.

A **crescent design**. Bend a wreath ring in half.

