BENEFIT TO WILDLIFE
Evergreen conifer trees provide otherwise sparse winter shelter for birds and other wildlife, especially on cold nights and during storms. In addition, they produce seed-filled cones that will feed numerous birds and small rodents once the tree reaches maturity.

INSTRUCTIONS
Trees can still be planted in December if the ground has not completely frozen. Dig a 8-12 inch deep hole in a chosen location, plant the tree and cover it with some form of mulch, such as wood chips or straw. This time of year the extra mulch will provide additional insulation and help hold moisture in as the tree takes root. If it is too cold to plant your tree, keep it well watered and in a cold, humid, portion of your home where it gets sunlight. Plant it first thing in the spring.

ADDITIONAL INFO
http://content.yardmap.org/learn/real-vs-fake-trees/