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## Harvest A Christmas Tree on State Land

**(Anchorage, AK)** – Each year, many Alaskans enjoy the holiday ritual of cutting their own Christmas tree. To support this tradition, the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection allows for [Christmas Tree Cutting on State Land](#) for Alaska residents who relish getting out in the woods and harvesting their own tree.

Maps and information for Southcentral and Interior Alaska:

- [Fairbanks-Delta region](#)
- [Kenai Peninsula](#)
- [Matanuska-Susitna Valley](#)

Guidelines for safe, legal cutting of Christmas trees on State land are:

- One tree per household
- Personal use only – trees may not be sold
- Trees must be less than 15 feet tall
- Cut whole trees, DO NOT TOP
- Cut stumps as low as possible
- Protect seedlings so we can have future Christmas trees!
- Respect private property

Cutting Christmas trees on unrestricted State of Alaska lands is allowed with some stipulations. Tree removal is prohibited in Alaska State Parks and Department of Transportation & Public Facilities rights-of-way. Harvesting may also be limited within local borough or municipality borders, Alaska Native lands and other private property. It is important to properly identify land ownership where you intend to cut your tree.

Members of the public with questions can call their [Division of Forestry & Fire Protection area office](#), or contact the DNR Public Information Centers in Anchorage (907-269-8400) and Fairbanks (907-451-2705).

**Media interested in harvesting a Christmas tree with a State Forester, or with questions about the program, may contact Lily Coyle, 907-795-9382, [lily.coyle@alaska.gov](mailto:lily.coyle@alaska.gov)**

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