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Harvest Your Own Christmas Tree on State Land

(Anchorage, AK) – Many Alaskans participate in the fun tradition of cutting their own Christmas tree every December, and the Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection supports this annual holiday tradition. Alaska residents who enjoy getting out in the woods and harvesting their own tree can use the [Christmas Tree Cutting on State Land](#) site to find maps and information for Southcentral and Interior Alaska.

Specific area information can be found at the following links:

- [Fairbanks 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 lands is allowed with some stipulations. Harvesting trees is prohibited in State Parks and Department of Transportation & Public Facilities rights-of-way. Cutting may also be prohibited 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).

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