



Ministry of Forests

FREE USE PERMIT (FOR CHRISTMAS TREE)

AUTHORIZATION TO CUT A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PERSONAL USE

Harvesting Christmas trees from Crown land without a cutting authority is unlawful. It is also important that Christmas tree cutting not take place on plantations, research & recreation areas, in cut blocks being logged, or on private land without the landowner's permission.

Pursuant to Section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act*, within the Stuart Nechako Forest District you may cut and transport up to three (3) Christmas trees for your own personal use, subject to the following conditions:

- You must ensure that you are not cutting on private property (unless you have the landowner's permission)
- You may cut Christmas trees only on vacant Crown land.
- Cutting trees showing obvious signs of use by wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Stumps should be cut as low as possible, and must not exceed thirty centimetres (30cm) in height.
- The Christmas trees you harvest under this permit cannot be sold.
- If you are harvesting your Christmas tree early in the season, it is recommended that the tree be stored in a cool, shaded location to reduce drying of the needles and any potential fire hazard during the holiday season.

In an effort to stop unauthorized cutting of Christmas trees, the Ministry of Forests will be carrying out patrols. Enforcement actions may be taken against anyone who is found to be cutting or transporting Christmas trees in an unlawful manner. We ask your co-operation in helping us to stop the unlawful harvesting and selling of Christmas trees.

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VALID FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31ST, 2023.

For further information, please contact the Stuart-Nechako Forest District:

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