



**FREE USE PERMIT  
(FOR CHRISTMAS TREES)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CUT CHRISTMAS TREES FOR PERSONAL USE**

Harvesting Christmas trees from Crown land without a cutting authority is unlawful. Note that Christmas tree cutting is not to take place on plantations, research areas, recreation sites, recreation trails, wildlife retention areas, or cut blocks being logged. Christmas trees may only be cut in the community forest or woodlots with the tenure holder's permission, or on private land with the landowner's permission.

Pursuant to Section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act*, within the Mackenzie 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 or within area-based tenures (community forest and woodlots) unless you have the landowner/ tenure holder's permission. You may only cut trees on vacant Crown land.
- Cutting trees showing obvious signs of use by wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Stumps will be cut as low as possible and must not exceed thirty centimetres (30 cm) in height.
- The Christmas trees you harvest under this permit cannot be sold.

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. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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**This permit expires January 5, 2025**

I have read and understand this permit

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Signature

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Authorized by Ryan Bichon  
District Manager  
Mackenzie Forest District

**You must carry this signed permit at all times while cutting or  
transporting Christmas Trees**