



FREE USE

CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT

Authority to cut Christmas Tree(s) for personal use in the Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District.

Date of Issue: October 24, 2017

This Free Use Permit authorizes _____
to cut 3 Christmas Tree(s) under section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act* (less than 5 metres in Height) and to transport this tree(s) to: _____

Permittee's Full Address

This Free Use Permit is valid from October 24, 2017 to December 24, 2017, subject to the following conditions:

1. Tree(s) may be cut from the designated area(s) as described in **“Information on Cutting Free Christmas Trees for Personal Use”**, which may be attached or may be found at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dos/Dist_docs/CTP_preamble.htm . Please read this document carefully as it forms an integral part of this Free Use Christmas Tree Permit.
2. Tree(s) cut outside of these area(s) may be considered as unauthorized harvest and will be dealt with accordingly.
3. Tree(s) cut under this permit must not be offered for sale.
4. No waste portions of the tree(s) will be left on the area from which it was cut.
5. The Permittee agrees to indemnify the Crown against and save it harmless from all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result, directly or indirectly, or any act or omission of
 - (a) the permittee, or
 - (b) any other person who on the behalf of or with the consent of the Permittee engages in any activity under or associated with this Permit.
6. The Permittee must carry this permit while harvesting and transporting the Christmas tree(s) and must produce the Permit at the request of a Natural Resource Officer, a Natural Resource Official, a Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer. Failure to have this permit in your possession, the possession of more trees than is authorized under the permit or harvesting in areas other than those outlined in the attached **“Information On Cutting Free Christmas Trees For Personal Use”** may result in the tree(s) being seized and enforcement actions being taken.



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7. If you are planning to cut trees from B.C. Hydro easements please read and honour the following guidelines provided by B.C. Hydro for your safety and environmental protection:
- a) Do not cut or remove any trees that may be within 7 metres (20 feet) of an electrical conductor. All trees must be less than 4 metres (12 feet).
 - b) Take special care when travelling or cutting in the vicinity of electrical works such as towers, poles, transformers and guy wires. You are responsible for all damages.
 - c) Cut all trees off flat with the stump no higher than 4 inches (10 centimetres). Clean up and remove all debris and slash associated with your activity.
 - d) Leave all access roads in good condition.
 - e) You are fully responsible for yourself and anyone who is with you to cut and remove trees.

WARNING: Logging trucks are frequently on most roads Monday to Saturday and occasionally Sunday. Please exercise extreme caution when travelling on these roads.

Thank you for your co-operation.

I agree to abide by the terms of this permit

Signed: _____
Permittee

Signed:  _____
District Manager
Okanagan Shuswap
Natural Resource District