

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
**FREE USE PERMIT FOR COLLECTING A CHRISTMAS TREE**  
\*\*DOMESTIC PURPOSES ONLY\*\*

This Free Use Permit authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) under Section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act* to cut ONE(1) Christmas tree (less than 3 metres in height) and transport it to: \_\_\_\_\_ (your address)

This Free Use Permit is valid until **December 25** of the year noted below and subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to condition #2 below, the Christmas tree may only be cut from areas of Crown Land, (i.e.) on power line right-of-ways, road right-of-ways, or on open unfenced Range land.  
**Note:** Power line right-of-ways are defined by the cleared area immediately under the power line itself from forest edge to forest edge. Road right-of-ways are defined as the edge of the ditch or excavated portion of the road bank or fill slope to the forest edge.
2. Trees may **NOT** be cut from:
  - a. Private land or other areas alienated or reserved for a special use;
  - b. Woodlot Licence or Community Forest Agreement areas (contact these licensees for permission)
  - c. Provincial or National Parks;
  - d. Forest plantations in previously harvested areas;
  - e. Research areas;
  - f. Areas within 50 meters from any stream.
3. A Christmas tree cut under this Free Use Permit is for personal use and must not be offered for sale to another person.
4. 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 of omission of:
  - a. the permittee, or
  - b. any other person who on behalf of or with the consent of the Permittee engages in any activity under or associated with this permit.
5. The Permittee must carry this Permit with them while harvesting and transporting the Christmas tree and must produce this Permit at the request of a Natural Resource Officer; a Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer. Failure to have this permit in your possession; the possession of more than the number of trees specified above, or harvesting in areas other than those outlined above may result in the tree(s) being seized and/or other enforcement actions.

For more information contact your local office listed below.

***The Selkirk Forest District wishes you and yours a very  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!***

***I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this permit:***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Permittee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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