

MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST CHRISTMAS TREES

RULES:

- Tree cutting is not allowed within developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, administrative sites, designated wilderness areas, research natural areas or on state or private owned lands within the national forest
- Tree cutting is not permitted within 150 feet of any stream, lakes, ponds or wetland areas.
- When parking at a trailhead, please be aware that a NW Forest Pass or federal Interagency Pass may be required.
- Plan to purchase a Sno-Park parking permit if the trip includes parking in a designated Sno-Park lot. When at a trailhead requiring a fee, the Northwest Forest Pass will need to be displayed on the vehicle dashboard.
- Trees cannot be cut within any closure areas. To view active closures, please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alert/mbs/alerts-notices>.
- A single permit is valid for trees up to 15 feet in height. Topping a tree over 15 feet in height is subject to a minimum fine of \$75 (CFR 36261.10(l)).
- Cut trees 12 inches or less above the ground level. Remove snow from base of tree if it is not visible. Cut off limbs remaining on the stump.

Tree Care

Once you've returned home with your tree, leave it outside in a shady area in a bucket of water. The water will keep the tree fresh.

After you bring your tree inside, fill the tree stand with water every day.



Check <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbs/passes-permits/forest-products-for-updates!>

SAFETY:

- Prepare ahead for changing weather and driving conditions.
- Tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return home.
- Have a full tank of fuel. Carry a shovel, flashlight, tire chains, matches and blankets in your vehicle. Bring along food and warm drinks.
- Wear proper winter clothing and carry extra in case you get wet. Some areas may be open to hunting, so wear brightly colored clothing or hunter's orange.
- Most forest roads are not snow plowed or maintained during the winter. Watch out for ice and snow; some areas may require chains, high clearance vehicles and/or 4 wheel drive.
- Turn on headlights for visibility and expect heavy traffic in popular tree cutting areas.
- Turn your vehicle around upon arrival; snow accumulation can inhibit turning a vehicle around later. Park vehicles on a road shoulder or turn-out areas and do not block the road.
- Check ranger stations for road and weather information or go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mbs/road-trails>

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