



# Frequently Asked Questions: Christmas Tree Permits

## **Q: When will I be able to purchase a Christmas tree permit from my local forest?**

A: For those National Forests that offer online Christmas Tree permits, the target date to offer permits is October 15. Some forests may choose to sell permits at a later date. Also, keep in mind that some forests will not use the online system and will continue to sell permits at their local offices.

## **Q: Will permits sell out in my area?**

A: Each forest or even district is unique. Some popular areas offer a set number of permits, while others make permits available to all who apply. It is important to carefully read all details for each forest offering permits through Recreation.gov.

## **Q: How will I know where I can go to cut a Christmas tree once I have a permit?**

A: If you did not receive information about cutting areas when you purchased your permit, you should check with local offices for maps of areas approved for tree cutting. In general, the tree you choose must be at least 200 feet from main roads, recreation sites and campgrounds, and stay away from areas along the sides of streams, rivers, lakes, and wet areas. Check with the local office for designated cutting areas.

## **Q: How do I purchase a Christmas Tree permit through Recreation.gov?**

A: You must have an account on Recreation.gov to purchase a Christmas Tree permit, so the first step is to

either set up an account or log-in to your existing account. Next, find your local forest through Search or the map from the Christmas Tree Permit page. Once you are on the permit page of your choice, follow the prompts. Don't forget to carefully review and verify that you have read the Need-to-Know information prior to making your purchase. If you need more help, there is a detailed step-by-step article in the Help Center.

**Q: How do I get help if I am having trouble purchasing a permit? A: We also encourage visitors to try the Help Center where they will find a library of articles to assist them with a variety of issues, including setting up an account and purchasing Christmas Tree permits.**

There is also a Recreation.gov Contact Center staffed with Customer Service Agents available to assist visitors through chat, email or over the phone seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (Eastern Time).

## **Q: How do I access my permit after I purchase it?**

A: Visitors can access permits from within their account anytime. They will also receive follow-up emails with important Need-to-Know information. They can then print their permit at their convenience prior to their visit.

## **Q: How do I display my permit on the day we cut our tree?**

A: Visitors are required to print their permit and display it on the dash of their vehicle. Each permit is issued a unique number for verification purposes.

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