REMEMBER: Tips for caring for your tree

Choose your tree carefully. It must be either a Subalpine Fir, White Fir or Lodgepole Pine. Know it is the right species before you cut it down.

- Bring plenty of rope.
- When you get to your vehicle, tie the tree securely, point the top of the tree toward the rear of your vehicle.
- If you cut the tree early, store it in the coolest and shadiest spot possible before moving it into your house.
- Before setting up your tree, make a fresh straight cut across the base of your trunk about 1" from the bottom.
- Once you put a fresh cut into the trunk immediately place the tree into a stand with water in it, check the level of this water daily. A tree may absorb up to a gallon of water a day.
- Place your tree in a cool, safe place. Not near any heat source such as a fireplace, television set, heater, etc.
- Don't forget to unplug your lights every night and check that the lights and the plugs are in good and safe working order.
- A Christmas tree is biodegradable; its branches may be removed and used as mulch in a garden. The trunk can be used as firewood or mulched and turned into compost.

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REMEMBER: Vehicles

You may encounter large amounts of snow while getting your tree, BE PREPARED!

- Make sure you have tire chains and a shovel in your vehicle in case you get stuck.
- Include an emergency kit in your vehicle incase you have to stay over night.
- Be sure to let someone know where you will be going, be specific.
- Do not park on the road or block traffic.
- Remember that most of the roads in the area are narrow and difficult to travel when they are muddy and snow packed. DO NOT park adjacent to busy highways in narrow shoulder areas. This creates a dangerous situation not only for you, but others traveling on these roads. Park in graded and/or plowed areas whenever possible.

REMEMBER: Clothes

It may not be warm in the cutting areas, even if it is warm in the valleys. Dress accordingly!

- Wear a warm coat, gloves, and a hat.
- Wear shoes or boots that will keep your feet warm and dry.
- Dress children warmly.
- Layering of clothes is best. Several thin layers will insulate better than one thick layer. This also makes it easier to adjust your clothes to the outside conditions.

Heber-Kamas Cutting Areas - See Map

Christmas Tree Conditions

Please study the map and know where you are NOT allowed to cut your tree from. If you have questions, please call the Heber office at (435)654-0470 or Kamas office at (435) 783-4338.

- All Christmas trees must be cut and removed from the Forest by December 25th of this year.
- ONLY Subalpine Fir, White Fir, and Lodgepole Pine trees 20 feet tall or shorter may be cut and removed.
- Subalpine Fir needles are soft and blunt, unlike Spruce needles which are stiff and sharp. If the needles poke you it is probably a Spruce. Another test is to roll the needles between your fingers, if it rolls easily it's a Spruce, if it feels flat and does not roll easily it is a Fir.
- Cut stumps lower than 12" from the ground (not the snow). Scatter any branches left and do not leave live limbs below the top of the remaining stump.
- Secure the tag to your tree before you load it onto your vehicle; either to the trunk or to a branch.
- TREAD LIGHTLY. Please operate off highway vehicles only on designated roads and trails. OHV maps are available in the Kamas office.
- The longer you wait to cut your tree, the more likely you will have to deal with difficult road conditions, deep snow, and cold weather. Plan accordingly!