



Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Christmas Tree Cutting Guide



We hope you will enjoy your Christmas tree cutting experience on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. To make our Christmas tree program successful, we ask that you follow a few simple rules:

- 🌲 Obtain a permit and maps from a local Forest Service office, rec.gov, or approved vendor. The permit is good for cutting trees within SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST land only, please be respectful of private lands within the Forest boundary.
- 🌲 There is a limit of one tag per household, however one person may purchase a maximum of five tags. A separate name and address must be provided for each tag.
- 🌲 The permit from rec.gov must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle transporting the tree and visible through the windshield. The sticker permit (tag) purchased at a local Forest Service office or approved Vendor must be secured to the tree before transportation, in such a way that it is visible during transit and must be torn off or broken to be removed from the tree.
- 🌲 If you will be transporting more than five trees on one vehicle, you will need a transportation permit from the County Sheriff's office for the area where you wish to cut your tree. *Below, you will find a list of County Sheriff's offices and their telephone numbers.
- 🌲 When cutting in the Weaverville area, please do not cut the Giant Sequoia trees located at Slate Creek, Tannery Gulch Campground, Mule Creek Station and on Guy Covington Road. These trees were planted for roadside beautification in the early 1960's.

Christmas Tree Cutting Conditions

- 🌲 Cutting or removing any tree with a main stem exceeding 6 inches in diameter at ground level is prohibited.
- 🌲 Cutting any tree in or within 100 feet of any administrative or developed site is prohibited, i.e.: campground, picnicking, or day use areas, etc.
- 🌲 Cutting any tree in a plantation unit is prohibited on the Shasta side of the Forest. (Shasta Lake, Mt. Shasta, and McCloud Ranger Districts)
- 🌲 Collecting, taking, possessing, or transporting any part of a tree without a valid permit is a federal offense, and violators will be prosecuted.
- 🌲 Cutting any tree is prohibited within 100 feet of the outer edge of designated roads.

****State law prohibits transporting six or more trees at one time unless accompanied by a Transportation Tag issued by the County Sheriff's office (P.C. 384C). Depending on the county where you wish to cut your trees, please contact the following Sheriff's offices for additional information: Shasta County – (530) 245-6025, Trinity County - (530) 623-8101, Siskiyou County - (530) 842-8300.***