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# CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING



## COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST 2021

As you search for that special Christmas tree, please follow the guidelines listed below. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Forest Service offices listed on the next page.

- ➔ You need a **\$5 Christmas tree permit** to remove a tree from the Colville National Forest. Permits are available online and various businesses.

**Permits are not refundable.**

- ➔ Please **remove the entire tree**, not just the top. Leave no more than a 6-inch stump.
- ➔ If there are any live limbs still attached to stump after tree is felled, cut them from the stump.
- ➔ **Do not park at a Sno-Park** unless you have a valid Washington State Sno-Park permit displayed in your vehicle.
- ➔ When choosing a Christmas tree, try to pick a tree from among a group of trees so one area does not become void of trees.
- ➔ When you cut your tree, peel and attach the Christmas tree permit sticker by wrapping around tree trunk between limbs where it is clearly visible while in transit. Tags may not be re-used.
- ➔ Each permit is for **one** Christmas tree. Only two permits issued per family.

<b>Merry Christmas</b>  Valid for USDA Forest Service For Personal Use Only	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> 1. District cutting guidelines must be followed. 2. Permit must be attached to tree and visible while in transit. 3. Fasten around tree trunk between limbs. 4. Nonrefundable.	
123456  <b>CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT</b>	
▲ Separate and Peel Here ▲	



### AREAS WHERE TREES CANNOT BE CUT

- ⊗ Within congressionally designated Wilderness Areas.
- ⊗ Within Fire Closure Areas. Contact local Forest Service offices for information on specific closure areas.
- ⊗ In active timber sale areas.
- ⊗ On privately owned and state managed land within the National Forest boundary.
- ⊗ In tree plantations, campgrounds, administrative sites, or other areas where specifically posted.



*Tree Care and Transportation on other side*



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# TREE CARE AND TRANSPORTATION

- ➔ If a tree is obtained early in the season, it should be kept in a cool place, out of the wind, in a bucket of water. Remember, a tree that is dry is an extreme fire hazard.
- ➔ Carry the tree carefully out of the woods. If the tree will not fit in the vehicle, wrap it in a tarp to prevent windburn and needle loss during transportation.
- ➔ When you get your tree home, make a fresh cut on the butt to open up the pores which have been clogged by sap. Cut off at least one-half inch. If you do not make a fresh cut, the tree will not be able to drink water. After the cut is made, put the tree in water as soon as possible. An average tree may consume between a quart and a gallon of water per day.
- ➔ Avoid placing the tree next to fireplaces, heaters, television sets, or other heat sources.
- ➔ Forest road conditions can change rapidly this time of year. For current information, please contact the local Ranger District office. District personnel may also be able to help if you are looking for a specific tree species.
- ➔ Be sure to properly dispose of your cut tree after the holidays. Most waste disposal companies offer special pick up times. Never try to burn the tree in your fireplace or woodstove — a chimney fire could result.



Maps are available to download at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/colville/maps-pubs/?cid=fseprd967845>

Get your Christmas Tree Permit online:

[fs.usda.gov/goto/colville/christmastree](https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/colville/christmastree)



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### Offices and Locations

Permits purchased at these locations are valid only on the Colville National Forest

#### Newport Ranger District

315 North Warren  
Newport, WA 99156  
(509) 447-7300

#### Three Rivers Ranger District

225 West 11th  
Kettle Falls, WA 99114  
(509) 738-7700

#### Republic Ranger District

650 East Delaware Ave  
Republic, WA 99166  
(509) 775-7400

#### Tonasket Ranger District

1 W Winesap  
Tonasket, WA 98855  
(509) 486-2186

#### Colville National Forest

##### Headquarters

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