



## CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS



Please be sure to carry your tag with you and attach it to the tree or place it on your dashboard as soon as the tree is cut. You may only cut in the area designated on your tag and map. **The dates for cutting your tree begin on November 22, 2025, and end at midnight on December 31, 2025.** No refunds will be made, even if weather conditions prevent you from reaching your cutting area and cutting your tree.

Cut the tree as close to the ground as possible leaving a stump no more than 6 inches high. **The tree must not exceed 10 feet in total height. Do not cut the top off of a taller tree.** Remember, a standing tree in the woods looks smaller than it will in your home. Please remove all trash and litter resulting from your cutting activities. Scatter any tree branches left behind making sure it is less than 2 feet deep.

Cut your tree only on national forest land in the Payson or Pleasant Valley Ranger Districts, and not within the ADOT right-of-way, trail heads or campgrounds. Vehicle use is restricted to driving only on established forest roads. Please consult the cutting area map you were given. Do not block the roadway.

An armload of green branches for decorations may be taken along with your tree as part of this permit. You are also welcome to pick up a few pinecones for decorations if you wish.

Please be sure that **everyone** in your party reads the safety precautions in this message prior to leaving home. In the past, there have been some very serious accidents resulting from failures to heed one or more of these safety measures.

### ***Safety Precautions***

Always notify friends or relatives where you intend to go and when you expect to return. Be prepared for bad weather, including muddy or snowy roads. At a minimum, we suggest you take the following items with you:

1. *Tire Chains*
2. *Shovel*
3. *First Aid Kit*
4. *Matches or Flares*
5. *Tow Chain*
6. *Warm Clothing*
7. *A little food and water*
8. *Flashlight*
9. *Blankets*
10. *A full tank of gas*

Plan to leave the cutting area before nightfall. Remember, winter storms can occur suddenly. If you notice a storm brewing, start home as soon as possible. If you get caught in the storm, be cautious and stay on the main roads -avoid shortcuts. Stay dry and avoid overexertion. If you get stranded, stay with your group and your vehicle. Keep a window open while using your car heater.

Be aware that you are not the only forest user in the woods this time of year. You may encounter other recreation users, firewood cutters, loggers, or hunters. Please consider wearing an article of brightly colored, highly visible clothing while walking in the woods. Also, park so you do not interfere with other traffic.

*Enjoy yourself and have a happy Holiday Season*