

CHUGACH National Forest

Christmas Tree Cutting Program

Heading out into the forest to find your own perfect Christmas tree is a time-honored tradition. The Chugach National Forest offers one free tree per household. No permit is required.



Harvesting trees for resale is not permitted.



Please check the forecast for weather, avalanche potential, and highway conditions before heading out.

Please respect private property.



Notify someone of your plans: where are you going and when will you return.



Remember to pack food, water, warm layers, and emergency supplies.

How to Care for your Tree:

- Protect your tree away from sources of heat
- Use indoor rated lights
- Refill water daily
- Maintain an atmosphere of merriment



Harvest your tree at least 200 ft from roads and developed recreation sites and 450 feet from streams and lakes.



Cut as close to the ground as possible, leaving a stump no higher than 6 inches.

Look for an overstocked area or thicket to harvest your tree.

Do not cut a tall tree just for its top.

Protect seedlings to ensure future Christmas trees.

