

Happy Holidays from the Forest Management Branch!

Christmas tree cutting is a fun activity for you and your family. Here are some tips to consider when choosing your Christmas tree this year:

- ❄ Please respect private land. Tree cutting must take place on vacant Yukon public land outside of municipal boundaries.
- ❄ Each household can harvest two Christmas trees. Young pine, spruce or sub-alpine firs make great Christmas trees.
- ❄ Bring ropes, axe or saw, tire chains, a first aid kit, a mobile phone and warm clothing. Pull well off roadways to avoid traffic.
- ❄ Avoid wasting forest resources by ensuring that you have found the exact tree you want before cutting.
- ❄ Do not cut trees that are too large to use or ones that show signs of wildlife nesting or use.
- ❄ Choose a tree that can be cut near the base and is easy to transport. Clean up debris afterwards. Extra tree remains stay on the forest floor and can form a summer fire hazard.
- ❄ Start watering your tree immediately once it is set up in your home and keep refreshing it. A well-watered tree can last for several weeks and does not lose its needles as fast.
- ❄ Check for worn tree light electrical cords and always unplug at night. Use CSA-approved electrical decorations and cords. Using LED lights produces less heat and reduces the drying effect on the tree or chance of fire.
- ❄ When you're finished with your tree, recycle it! Christmas trees can be picked up at the curb and turned into mulch.

