Public Land Information
Guidelines for Cutting Christmas Trees on Borough Land

The cutting of Christmas trees on Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) land can be a generally allowable casual use of borough land under the following guidelines.

Cutting of Christmas trees on KPB land is considered a casual use if:

- It is conducted as a dispersed use involving only minimal disturbance to the land and the appearance of the property;
- It does not involve vehicles or machinery which disturbs the ground surface or creates trails. Appropriate use of existing roads or motorized vehicle trails for general access is allowable;
- It is conducted on vacant borough property that is not for sale, is not occupied by another use, and is not currently leased or permitted to another user;
- It does not create a hazard or disturbance to another user, adjacent property, travel ways or utility lines;
- It is limited to one tree per individual, between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day;
- It is not for commercial purposes;
- Stumps should be cut as close to the ground surface as possible.

These guidelines are an implementation of the casual use provisions under KPB 17.10.190 and 17.10.250(C). If you have any questions please contact the KPB Land Management Division at 714-2205 or toll-free at 1-800-478-4441.

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17.10.190. Casual use of borough land
A. A casual use does not create an interest in the title of the land.
B. The casual use of borough land does not require a permit.
C. The mayor may close any and all borough land to casual use by issuing a written order that contains a finding that an emergency exists and a statement of the facts on which the finding is based. The mayor shall publish notice of the locations of borough land that the mayor has closed to casual use.

17.10.250. Definitions
C. “Casual Use” means a use of borough land that is nonexclusive and involves only minimal disturbance to the land. Nonexclusive examples of a casual use are hiking, cross country skiing, snow machining, berry picking, hunting, brushing survey lines or trails where roots are not disturbed, livestock drives, and the use of all-terrain vehicles off an established road or right-of-way but on an existing trail. However, hiking trails or consistent use for hiking and establishing hunting camps do not constitute a casual use.