

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU **TREE CUTTING POLICY**

Green Tree Policy – The cutting of green trees (live) is prohibited on municipal land unless written authorization has been received from the CBJ department managing the property. Trees may be cut only for the safety of the public, adjacent property owners, and public facilities, or as part of an approved public development plan. Cutting of trees for view enhancement of private property is prohibited. The managing CBJ department shall consult the Parks and Recreation Landscape Supervisor for the purpose of determining the health or risk involved with a tree. The Landscape Supervisor may refer the issue to a private consulting forester. The property owner requesting the removal of the trees will be responsible for the costs of removal. The removal will be required to be performed by a licensed and bonded tree cutting service.

Dead and/or Down Tree Policy – Citizens may remove dead or down trees located on vacant municipal land **NOT** used for parks, recreation sites, scenic corridors, schools, residential subdivisions, or public facilities at no charge. Trees that are removed from municipal land may be used for personal consumption only; no portion of the tree can be sold, traded, exported or used in a commercial business or venture. All unused portions of the tree shall be removed from roadways, ditches, and stream courses. **NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL USE.**

Christmas Tree Policy - A household may remove one Christmas tree per year from municipal land, including along roadsides and beyond 50' from a hiking trail. Trees may **NOT** be cut on municipal land used for parks, recreation sites, scenic corridors, schools, residential subdivisions, or public facilities, **NOR** from muskeg areas where trees are very difficult to reestablish. Trees must be cut at ground level (not topped), and any severed branches or pieces of the trunk should be scattered. **NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL USE.**

DEFINITIONS

Personal Use – For personal consumption only; no portion of the tree can be sold, traded, exported, or used in a commercial business or venture.

Green Tree (Live) – A standing evergreen tree with green needles, or, a leaf tree which is green under the bark or has leaves, except windthrown trees.

Dead Tree – An evergreen tree without green needles, or, a leaf tree which is brown under the bark.

Down Tree – Any tree lying on the ground from natural causes (i.e. windthrown, slides, etc).

Illegally Cut Tree – A tree cut without authorization (usually a green tree or one cut in an area closed to wood gathering).