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Go green with your Christmas tree this year

Give yourself and your family the gift of a real Christmas tree this year. Oklahoma Forestry Services is, once again, encouraging Oklahomans to experience the many benefits of a real tree, including:

- R** - Recycling opportunities such as making mulch for gardening or chipping for hiking trails and playground materials.
- E** – Environmental benefits of a real tree include supplying oxygen, absorbing carbon and providing wildlife habitat.
- A** –After the holidays, you don't have to find a place to store a real tree.
- L** – Locally grown trees support Christmas tree farmers across the state.

- T** – Two or three more trees will be planted for each harvested Christmas tree.
- R** –Real trees give you a unique Christmas tree every year.
- E** - Every tree at a Christmas tree farm is planted for the purpose of becoming someone's Christmas tree.
- E** – Experience a fun, family outing by visiting a Christmas tree farm to choose your tree. Many offer wreaths and greenery for sale along with free hot chocolate.
- S** - You can't beat the scent and beauty of a real tree!

“Consider getting a real Christmas tree this year,” said State Forester George Geissler. “It's good for the environment, our local economy and it's a fun holiday experience for your family to pick out a special tree together.”

For more information about where to purchase an Oklahoma-grown tree and how to care for it, visit Oklahoma Forestry Services' website at www.forestry.ok.gov/christmas-trees. Additional resources include the Oklahoma Christmas Tree Association at www.okchristmastrees.com and Christmas tree farms are listed under Specialty Crops on the Oklahoma agritourism website at www.oklahomaagritourism.com

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About Oklahoma Forestry Services

Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting Oklahoma's 12.5 million acres of forests and woodlands. Since 1925, Oklahoma Forestry Services has worked with individuals and communities throughout the state to create resilient landscapes, fire-adaptive communities and provide wildfire response. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the division also has regional offices in Goldsby, Broken Bow, Wilburton and Tahlequah. For more information, visit <http://www.forestry.ok.gov>.