

# BALSAM FIR BOUGH CUTTING PERMIT

**THIS PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES WHILE PERMITTEE IS GATHERING OR TRANSPORTING BOUGHS. WHILE CUTTING BOUGHS, PERMIT MAY BE DISPLAYED ON VEHICLE DASHBOARD.**

<u>PERMIT CATEGORY: (CHECK ONE)</u>	<u>FEE</u>
_____ Resident /Non-Resident Home Use (less than 100lbs)	\$ 20.00
_____ Resident Commercial* (over 100lbs)	\$150.00
_____ Non-Resident Commercial (over 100lbs)	\$250.00



\* Resident must provide proof of ownership of an Oneida County property

The individual entering into this agreement, herein after referred to as "Permittee" is hereby authorized to gather balsam fir boughs in designated areas of the County Forest (See other side of this permit). Violations of this permit or any conditions of gathering stated herein shall be determined by the County Forest Director and will result in the revocation of such permit. Violations may also subject permittee to an assessment for any trespass, Wis. Stats. or other applicable statutes, County Park and Forest ordinances. Permittee agrees to the following conditions:

1. No boughs shall be cut within 25 feet of public roads, rivers, and lakes.
2. No cutting on the top 1/3 of the tree.
3. No cutting of boughs on trees less than eight feet tall.
4. **No cutting shall be permitted during the gun deer season.**
5. All roads and trails shall be kept open at all times and undamaged.
6. Permit holder must be present while harvesting boughs. This permit is not transferable.
7. It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure he/she is on County Forest Land.
8. The permit holder assumes all responsibility for his/her own protection and agrees to hold County harmless for any accident or injuries incurred by themselves or others.
9. Permittee agrees to comply with all state timber theft, slash, fire, and litter laws.
10. **No gathering is permitted during emergency forest fire bans.**

By signing below the Permittee acknowledges that he/she understands and accepts all of the Oneida County Forest Balsam Fir Bough Gathering Permit conditions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Description & License No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Permittee Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*for Oneida County Forestry Department*

**To be completed by Forestry Department:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

**This Permit is valid October 1 through December 31, 2024**

Oneida County Balsam Bough Permit System

The Oneida County Forestry Department allows individuals to gather balsam fir boughs in designated areas of the County Forest for personal or commercial use.

A permit to gather boughs is required and can be obtained from the Oneida County Forestry office. One permit per year will be issued.

The County designates areas where permits will be issued. This permit is valid for gathering balsam boughs on Oneida County Forestry Lands, **except County Parks, Picnic Areas, Boat Landings and Timber Sale areas.**

Only balsam fir boughs may be collected. No other trees will be cut or damaged.

All branches are to be cut up tight to the tree and unused portions scattered. Boughs shall be cut in such a manner as to not kill or damage the tree. No axes are to be used in cutting boughs.

Vehicle access is limited to open logging trails (trails that are not blocked by gates, berms, or rocks). Vehicles (including ATVs, tractors, and the like) are not permitted off the logging roads.

Due to changing weather conditions, access to the areas is not guaranteed. Wind blown trees and wet ground may make areas difficult to access at times.

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Rhineland, WI 54501  
Office: (715)-369-6140

Give a brief description of the area you will be cutting. (Crossroads and approximate size)

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