

# Frequently Asked Questions about Christmas Tree Licenses

## Do I need a license?

Yes, if you plan to sell at least \$250 of Christmas trees this season that you have grown/maintained.

No, if you plan to sell less than \$250 of trees this season, or if you only sell cut trees that you purchase from other growers. Keep the tree origin certification paperwork with the trees as they are being sold. Please return a license application indicating your status.

## Which license do I need?

A Christmas Tree Grower License is required if you grow and sell Christmas trees. If you sell evergreens as nursery stock, you would need a Nursery Grower License instead. If you sell trees as Christmas trees and nursery stock, you may need both licenses. Only count plant sales towards the licensing fee, not sales of hardware or services.

A Nursery Grower License is required if you sell \$250 or more of trees as nursery stock, even if you grow mostly Christmas trees. Please indicate that you also require a Nursery Grower License on the application.

## What is my Christmas Tree Grower's License fee?

License fees are based on your gross annual sales of Christmas trees that you grew and sold last fiscal year. If this is the first year you will sell Christmas trees, use your best estimate of sales you will have in your first fiscal year. Check the appropriate fee on the license application and fill in the dollar amount.

## Will you inspect my trees this year?

Our goal is to inspect all growers at least once every three years. We do inspect fields with trees leaving quarantine, fields where plant health certificates are requested, and fields with trees to be shipped interstate in the fall of each year. Indicate each field's status when filling out your license field information. Please update us during the year with new field locations. We inspect for insects and diseases that can harm Wisconsin's crops and natural resources.

## What is my total fee?

Add your licensing fee, a late fee if applicable, and \$50 for a plant health certificate if you have requested one.

## Do I need a Plant Health Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate?

**Plant Health Certificate:** If your Christmas trees are moving out of a quarantined county to another state, we recommend a Plant Health Certificate accompanies the trees to their end sales location.

***The State of Minnesota requires a Plant Health Certificate with all trees sold/passing through their state that originate from a quarantined county.***

Your plant health certificate can be copied and sent with every tree invoice. If you know you need a Plant Health Certificate now, submit your \$50 payment along with your license fee. If you decide you need one later, call and request one and we will mail an invoice to you.

**Phytosanitary Certificate or "Phyto":** A phyto is required to accompany each load of trees being shipped to other countries and we recommend a phyto if you ship to California. This certificate is issued after you fill out an application requesting one. Each phyto charge is \$56. Phytosanitary Certificates cannot be copied. It is also available at:

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/environment/plants/export/index.jsp>

