

# Harvesting Balsam Fir Tips

Planning to harvest balsam fir tips this year? Here is what you need to know:

## Contact the Landowner

Every hectare of land has an owner. You are breaking the law if you remove tips without the landowner's permission.

## Using Crown Land

You must obtain a permit from Natural Resources if you want to harvest tips from Crown land. Contact your nearest District Office.

**Remember:** Taking any timber product from Crown land without permission is theft. Significant fines may apply.

## Use Your Hands

Cool autumn weather and the small diameter of tips make harvesting by hand a common practice.

Hand clippers are allowed on Crown land. However, experienced pickers prefer manual harvesting. This leaves both hands free to handle the tips.

## Think Safety

- Do not use ladders or saws.
- Wear hunter orange clothing.
- Use a map and compass.

**Remember:** Take care. Tipping season is also hunting season. When in the woods, you should always know exactly where you are.

## What Can I Harvest?



## A Quality Product

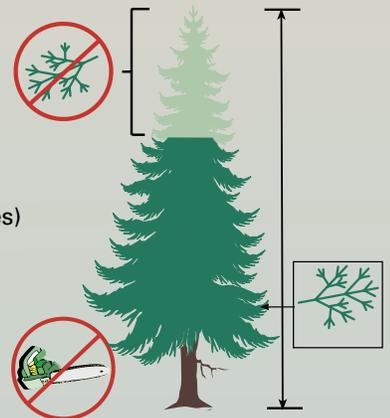
## What Will It Cost?

## Plan for the Future

Proper tipping promotes the growth of a future crop. It also encourages landowners to make their land available for tipping.

These rules apply to Crown land:

- Tip only where your permit authorizes you to work.
- Tip only trees taller than three metres (10 feet).
- Tips should be no longer than 35 centimetres (14 inches) unless specified on your permit.
- Do not remove tips from the top one-third of the tree.
- Do not remove more than one-third of the tree's remaining tips.
- Never damage the tree's main stem or leader (top).
- Do not use a saw or motorized tools.



Harvested tips are a perishable product. At Natural Resources, we monitor weather conditions each autumn to determine when harvesting can begin. To encourage a suitable product:

- Check your buyer's specifications before harvesting.
- Harvest only healthy tips.
- Store your product carefully.
- Move the tips to market as quickly as possible.

Fee for Crown land permit: **\$20**

If you collect tips properly, these trees will supply you with fresh tips for many years. Proper harvesting will not harm recreation, wildlife or the traditional forest-based industry.

**Remember:** Proper tipping means a healthy future for your business.

## Contact

Visit your local Natural Resources office to obtain a permit.