

Christmas Trees for Fish Habitat (aka “Pines for Perch” or walleye, etc.)

Region	City	Instructions
1	Kalispell	No Trees - Uses more durable structures
2	Missoula	No Trees – Has enough natural vegetation
3	Bozeman & Butte	Nothing Concrete: Sometimes sends them to Helena for Canyon Ferry – R3 office 406-994-4042 Bozeman/Travis Horton 406-994-3155 Butte/BARO/Jim Olsen 406-533-8451
4	Great Falls	Yes they use trees in Tiber Reservoir R4 office 406-454-5840 Dave Yerk 406-466-5621 Paul Hamlin 406-454-5852 In region 4 the Christmas tree collection is orchestrated by the local walleyes unlimited chapter. The collection sites are usually the big green dumpsters at Eddies Supper Club and two yet to be determined sites.
5	Billings	Does not participate
6	Glasgow	Does not participate
7	Miles City	Yes they use trees in Spotted Eagle at Miles City Trees can be delivered to the signed area at Spotted Eagle There is no deadline and no cost. The local Walleyes Unlimited collect trees from the landfill as well.
HQ	Helena	Yes they use trees in Canyon Ferry HARO 406-495-3260 Adam Strainer 406-495-3263 (all Christmas tree lot owners need to talk directly to Adam) Eric Roberts 406-495-3272 The City of Helena and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks team up to offer an alternative to throwing Christmas trees in the landfill. City residents can leave their un-adorned real tree at curb side for city pickup. Non-City Residents can take their trees to the Helena Transfer Station and drop them off at the "Pines For Perch" sign. This is free if you have a Transfer Dump Permit. Otherwise, you'll need to pay. FWP will take the trees and use them for fish habitat in Canyon Ferry Reservoir. They drill a bunch of 1 inch holes through the bases of all the trees. Then take steel cable and string all the trees together. Once the ice comes off in early spring FWP contracts a helicopter, to pick the trees up and drop them in the middle of the lake. The Christmas trees help create spawning habitat for smaller fish. FWP asks residents to take off all the ornaments, tinsel, and lights before dropping the trees off. Deadline is Feb 1st