

Tree Stands Must be Removed by December 31, 2003

New regulations require the removal of **all** tree stands (this includes permanent and temporary tree stands, blinds or other structures) on provincial forest land, unoccupied Crown land or land within a provincial park or recreation site by December 31, 2003.

This includes existing tree stands for **any** purpose, including spring and fall hunting seasons.

This regulation is designed to remove permanent structures while still allowing the annual use of temporary tree stands.

Conditions for Removal:

- Every effort should be made to remove tree stands without cutting down the tree or trees. However, if necessary, trees to which tree stands are attached may be harvested. Unnecessary removal, damage or destruction of forest products must be kept to a minimum.
- All tree stand materials (wire, nails, spikes, plywood, lumber, etc.) used to construct the tree stand must be removed from the site; pieces of trees that contain foreign material must also be removed.
- All tree parts and felled trees, not containing foreign materials must be bucked into pieces no longer than 4 feet in length and must remain in the forest.

For More Information:

Contact your local Conservation Officer