

Christmas tree thefts

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Before we know it, it will be Christmas. It's hard to even think about since we've had an extremely long Indian summer. But soon enough, it will be time for shopping, snow and Christmas tree selection.

Some of you may be aware that some people actually steal trees from homeowners' properties, golf courses, cemeteries, hotels, highways, nurseries and Christmas tree farms. These unscrupulous Christmas celebrants apparently do not know the true meaning of Christmas.

Ag Agents Charlene Costaris and Elaine Barbour have been working on stopping evergreen tree theft for nearly three years. They have developed a compound that they believe will work. It is a water-soluble pigment that temporarily "disfigures" trees; the tree is orange then rust colored, then the pigment breaks down in ultraviolet light. The compound does not come off easily in water and lasts on the tree for four to six weeks. New growth is not detrimentally affected.

They are trying to determine the market acceptability and field performance of this product and need your help. They have already worked with some Christmas tree growers, a golf course and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. This compound has stopped trees from being stolen at these sites. If you have had trees stolen from your property and are willing to have your trees sprayed with this light-sensitive compound, please call Elaine Barbour at (201) 788-1338. Spraying will commence around Thanksgiving.

Also, the Flemington County extension office has the "1984 Choose and Cut" Christmas tree list available. In Hunterdon County, you may visit six farms: Al's Tree Farm in Pittstown; Hall Tree Farm in Glen Gardner; Charles Hildebrand in Oldwick; Elizabeth Magner and Richard Sollner, both in Flemington; and Eugene Algers in Califon. Call or stop in for your copy (directions included).

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Saturday, November 3
Lancaster County Farm Women Convention

Tuesday, November 6
Lancaster Society 23 will meet for a program by Jean Musser
Lancaster Society 35 meets for a program on gingerbread houses by Eleanor DeLong.

Thursday, November 8
Lancaster Society 33 meets to entertain Society 26 at the Farm and Home Center.
Lancaster Society 21 meets for a program by Esther Graybeal.
Lancaster Society 9 meets to pick fruit baskets.

Friday, November 9
Lancaster Society 13 meets at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 10
Lancaster Society 7 will meet for a program by Arthur Lengacher Jr on cheesemaking
Lancaster Society 2 meets for a program by John D. Kendig on scenes of local interest
Lancaster Society 1 meets for a program by Ada Farber on the Shelter for Abused Women.
Lancaster Society 25 meets for a program by Ruth Groff.

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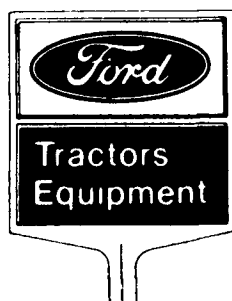
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