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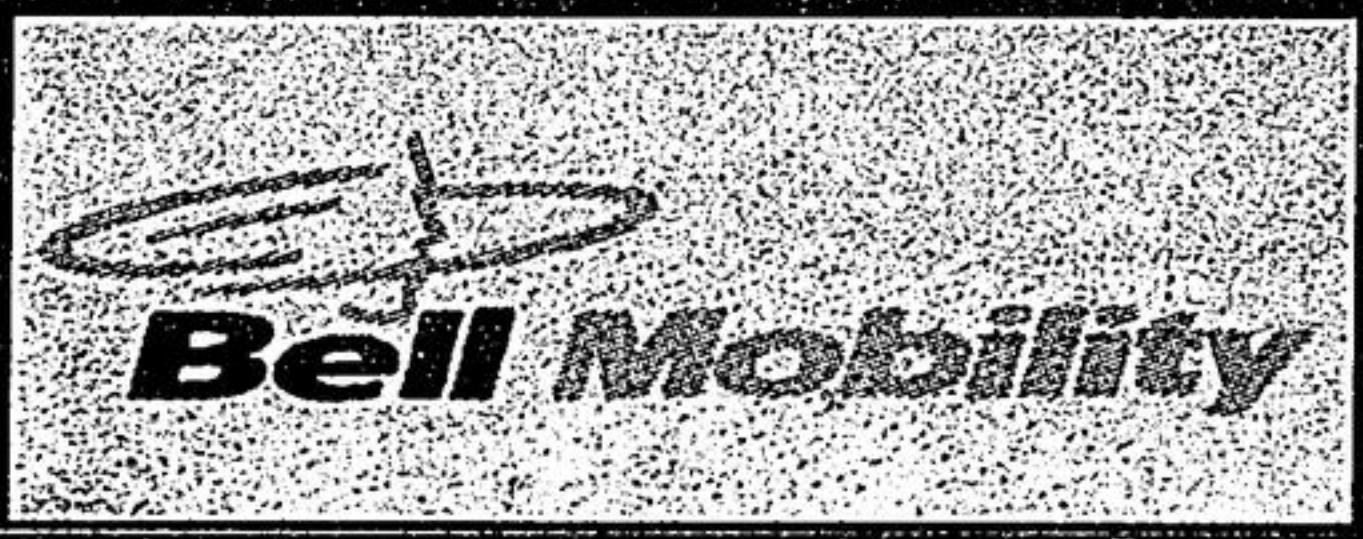
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Cutting your own a family experience at local tree farms

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Crone said he doesn't offer and isn't planting Scotch pines because of disease and "people don't really seem to want them anymore."

"They get really loaded with disease and the stems of a Scotch pine get gnarly," said Cleland.

"They are designed for a short life. We cut them down after 13 to 15 years because they're not a nice-looking tree after that."

Cleland said pines aren't as popular because people like the look of a fir tree better.

"The younger generation is looking for the perfect tree," Cleland said.

"And the Fraser fir is about as artificial looking as any tree you can get without being artificial."

Leave your axe at home when you visit your local tree farm.

"We don't want to see any axes here," said Earl Grose, of Vivian

Plantation. Axes are not welcome. We supply a sharp bow saw and that's all you need."

There are no set rules for cutting down your tree, said Bryce Cleland, of Cleland Christmas Trees.

He recommends one person saws while another leans against the tree to open up the cut.

"The tendency of the tree is to fall back down onto the cut," he said.

"Leaning on the tree makes it much easier for the person doing the sawing."

At Cleland Christmas Trees, a tractor-driven wagon can get you out of the bush with your prized tree and back to the parking lot.

Besides cutting down your own tree, many farms offer hot chocolate, wagon rides, bonfires, craft barns, toboggan hills and snacks.

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