

**Logging Bylaw
Town of Tolland, Massachusetts**

No logging operation shall start without the permission of the Superintendent of Public Works and the Conservation Commission, in writing. Any landowner who plans to cut trees for forest products must notify the appropriate regional office of the Division of Forests and Parks of his intention. Owners of record of land within 200 feet of the boundary of the cutting area shall also be notified. Notification of the Tolland Conservation Commission and the Tolland Department of Public Works shall consist of a properly executed Notice of Intent. Notification must be received by the town at least ten (10) business days before the cutting operation begins.

Landings shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from a public way with a curved road to break the line of sight. Landings will have all rubbish, garbage and trash such as cans, papers, discarded tires, metal parts and other junk removed. Waste wood such as branches, cut log ends and logs will be placed neatly to improve the appearance of the landing and promote a rapid decay.

The soil shall be stabilized and seeded to grass at the end of the operation. In order to reduce the tracking of mud onto the highway during the operation, part of the access road will be graveled or mulched if necessary, or use will be curtailed during wet weather.

Any mud will promptly be removed from the highway. Every owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of lands, or of any rights or interests therein, except electric, telephone and telegraph companies, who cuts or permits the cutting of brush, wood or timber on lands which border upon woodland of another, or upon a highway or railroad location, shall dispose of the slash caused by such cutting in such a manner that the same will not remain on the ground within forty feet of any woodland of another, or of any railroad location, or within one hundred feet from the center of any public way and all slash resulting from such cutting operations shall be cut and scattered in such a manner as to minimize the danger from fire. Wherever multiple highway systems exist adjacent to cuttings, no slash shall be permitted within one hundred feet from the outer edge of the highway. No slash shall be permitted within twenty-five feet of any brook, stream, pond, river or water supply.

Penalty for Violation of this Bylaw: In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, Whoever violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to specific penalty, may be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D as amended in accordance with the penalty and fine schedule established in the Town of Tolland Bylaw.

Adopted at Special Town Meeting on March 28, 2005

Approved by Massachusetts Attorney General on November 16, 2005