

Felling of trees

The aim of these rules is to protect trees because they are important habitat and landscape features.

A. You must not

1. fell a tree without a felling licence, where a licence is required¹;
2. fail to comply with licence conditions, a restocking notice, enforcement notice or directions served on you².



Further advice and guidance

You can get felling licences and further guidance, including when licences are needed, from your local Forestry Commission office.

You can get details of your local Forestry Commission office from the Forestry Commission helpline or website at www.forestry.gov.uk.

Guidance for Cross Compliance in England: Management of Habitats and Landscape Features (rpa176) is available on our website at rpa.defra.gov.uk/crosscompliance/farmerguidance

Forestry Commission helpline: 0117 372 1070

¹ Under section 9(1) of the Forestry Act 1967.

² Under section 24 of the Forestry Act 1967.