



## Stump Out Tree Care - Environmental Management Procedure

Stump out are committed to minimising our impact on the local and global environment, by working in a manner to:

- Prevent pollution
- Comply with applicable legislation.
- Avoid damage to habitats
- Minimise waste
- Reduce our carbon footprint

### Legislation Compliance

We are committed to meet all relevant environmental legislation standards, and codes of practice. We utilise the Environment Agency's website to ensure we are up-to-date with Environmental legislation.

Nesting birds and their nests and eggs are protected by law. Many other species such as bats and badgers are also protected. We work within the guidelines set out in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW).

We control risks to wildlife via a preliminary site inspection, and adhere to Tree preservation orders

Conservation area and SSSI's

Normal TPO procedures apply if a tree in a conservation area is already protected by a TPO. But if a tree in a conservation area is not covered by a TPO, you have to give written notice to the LPA (by letter, email or on the LPA's form) of any proposed work, describing what you want to do, at least six weeks before the work starts. This is called a 'section 211 notice' and it gives the LPA an opportunity to consider protecting the tree with a TPO.

You do not need to give notice of work on a tree in a conservation area less than 7.5 centimetres in diameter, measured 1.5 metres above the ground (or 10 centimetres if thinning to help the growth of other trees).

Any activity that recklessly or intentionally harms the SSSI or its flora or fauna will be an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20,000 or on conviction on indictment to an unlimited fine. If you know the name of the Site of Special Scientific Interest and want to know more about it, you can search for it by country



Machinery is subject to preventative maintenance to minimise pollution including noise, emissions and leaks

## **Waste, Recycling and Reuse**

Stump out is a registered waste carrier with the Environment agency, registration number CBDL99624 and we are happy to provide waste transfer notes

Any waste created is dealt with via the European Waste Directive's Waste Hierarchy and all duty of care protocols are adhered to.

All wood is converted to chippings which are given to local garden nursery to replenish soil,

Stump grinding shavings are left for the customer to use as garden mulch

Any hazardous waste such as waste oils are correctly disposed of to prevent pollution and any green waste is composted.

## **Carbon Reduction and Keeping it Local**

Stump Out carryout work in our own locality, thus reducing our truck's fuel consumption and the most efficient travel routes are used.

Visits to customers for quote preparation are carried out by car to decrease emissions and, where possible, the resultant quotes and invoices are emailed to customers rather than printed and posted.

Fencing and decking timber is sourced from locally managed woodlands using local hauliers to transport the timber, resulting in a lower carbon footprint than imported timber.

Vehicles and machinery are not left with the engines idling when not in use

We promote reduction rather than removal of trees, where possible, and also encourage re-planting.