

Do I need permission to Fell Trees?

[Under Section 37 of the Forestry Act, 1946](#), (with certain exceptions), it is illegal to uproot a tree over ten years of age or cut down a tree of any age unless notice of intention to do so has been given in accordance with the Act to the **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Felling Section, Forest Service, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford. Tel 053 9163400, Fax 053 9143950, Web www.agriculture.gov.ie** .

With certain exceptions it is an offence under the Forestry Act 1946 to fell trees without a felling licence having been granted by the Forest Service. Failure to obtain a felling licence when necessary may result in a criminal prosecution and developers and planning applicants are advised to contact the Department at the above contact details before undertaking any tree felling.

Where a person is convicted of illegal tree felling the Department will make a legally binding order to replant the trees that have been felled which may prevent/conflict with planned development or could result in a person having to acquire alternative planting land which may be expensive.