

Timber Harvesting Information

Forestry Activities: The management of forests and timberlands when practiced in accordance with accepted silvicultural principles, through developing, cultivating, harvesting, transporting and selling trees for commercial purposes, which does not involve any land development. Christmas tree farms and landscaping activities associated with residential, business, industrial, or commercial structures shall not be considered forestry activities.

1. **Prior to the issuance of the zoning permit, an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan shall be submitted by the applicant to the County Conservation District for review, recommendation, and approval.**
2. A zoning permit shall be obtained from the West Bradford Township prior to harvesting or otherwise removing 30 or more trees with a trunk diameter of three (3) inches or more at a point four (4) feet above ground level on any tract of land larger than one acre. *If a project does not meet the above criteria, applicants should still contact the Township's Zoning Officer at 610-269-4174 and inform him of any minor timber harvesting. This will keep the Township aware of any activities that may be otherwise interpreted as a code violation. Harvesters, on any size tract, must still follow the procedures of the Chester County Conservation District (610-925-4920).*
3. **A Forestry Management Plan shall be prepared and submitted with the zoning permit.** A qualified forester or forester technician shall prepare this plan.
4. The Forestry Management Plan shall be consistent with the Timber Harvesting Guidelines of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.
5. Clear cutting (the indiscriminate removal of all trees on a site, or portion thereof, during a single timber harvesting operation or within a six-month timeframe) shall be prohibited except on tracts of one acre or less.
6. When harvesting or otherwise removing 40 or more trees with a trunk diameter of three (3) inches or more at a point four (4) three feet above ground level on any tract of land larger than one acre, at least 30% of the forest cover (canopy) shall be kept and the residual trees shall be well distributed. At least 30% of these residual trees shall be composed of the highest value species as determined by a forester and pursuant to the Forestry Management Plan.
7. Clear cutting is prohibited on areas with slopes equal to or greater than fifteen (15) percent, within wetlands, within the Township's Flood Hazard overlay zoning district, and within a one-hundred (100) foot riparian foot buffer along State designated High Quality and Exceptional Value waters.
8. Applicants are encouraged to include a replanting scheme within the Forestry Management Plan using native species



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Permit #

2005.1

TAX PARCEL # _____

APPLICATION FOR ZONING (Timber Harvesting)

It is the responsibility of the property owner and the timber harvester to install and maintain all stormwater, sedimentation and erosion controls in compliance with the CCCD and DEP approved soil erosion and sedimentation pollution control.

Failure to properly install and maintain said controls shall be cause for work stoppage until such time all controls are properly installed and/or maintained.

The property owner and timber harvester shall be liable for damages to adjacent properties.

This permit does not include or pertain to stream crossings unless permits have been obtained from the DEP and the West Bradford Township Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with Section 705.B.2, 705.B.6 and 705.B.7 of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

****OBTAIN ZONING PERMIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ****
COUNTY'S EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 _____ Zoning District _____

TIMBER HARVESTER INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Business Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ FAX #: _____

ESTIMATED COST:

Permit Type	# of trees removed	Acreage to be disturbed
Timber Harvesting		

Describe work to be completed: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the named property and I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Zoning Officer shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions for the code(s) applicable to such permit.

Signature of **OWNER** _____ Address _____ Contact # _____

Print Name _____

DEPARTMENT APPROVALS Zoning Official _____	Date _____	Fee _____

PLEASE INCLUDE TWO EACH , the CCD APPROVED
PLAN AND the FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN