Before You Cut that Tree…

Most tree cutting within 100’ of wetlands and 200’ of streams and ponds is subject to review by the Stow Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Stow Wetlands Bylaw. You should contact the Conservation Department office at 978-897-8615 or conservation@stow-ma.gov before cutting trees that may be subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. Additional information is available on the Commission’s web pages (under wetland permitting) at http://tinyurl.com/stowconservation. Failure to obtain advance approval may result in issuance of an enforcement order, fines, or costly replanting requirements.

The Commission works closely with landowners who have concerns about trees. Depending on the number, condition and location of trees proposed to be cut, approval may be able to be handled by a simple visit and administrative process. Larger projects may require filing for a permit which can take 4-6 weeks.

Plan ahead and CHECK BEFORE YOU CUT.

Thank you

Stow Conservation Commission