



## **Town of New Gloucester**

### **Timber Harvesting Standards**

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5.14 TIMBER HARVESTING (from 1986 New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance)

The following standards shall govern timber harvesting activities in excess of one (1) acre within 250 feet of the normal high water elevation of Sabbathday Lake, Royal River, Lily Pond, Mosquito Brook, outlet from Lily Pond, and Eddy Brook from Bennett Road southerly to the Gray-New Gloucester town line:

A. Harvesting Operations

1. Harvesting operations shall be conducted in such a manner that a well-distributed stand of trees is retained.
2. Harvesting activities shall not create single openings greater than 7,500 square feet in the forest canopy.
3. In any stand, harvesting shall remove not more than 40% of the volume of trees 6 inches in diameter and larger, measured at 4 ½ feet above ground level in any 10 year period. Removal of trees less than 6 inches in diameter, measured as above, is permitted in conformance with all other provisions of this section. For the purposes of these standards, a stand means a contiguous group of trees, sufficiently uniform in species, arrangement of age classes, and condition, to be identified as a homogeneous and distinguishable unit.
4. Harvesting operations shall be conducted in such a manner and at such a time that minimal soil disturbance results. Adequate provision shall be made to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

B. Slash

No significant accumulation of slash shall be left within 50 feet of the normal high water elevation of water bodies. At distances greater than 50 feet but less than 250 feet from the normal high water elevation of water bodies, all slash shall be disposed of in such a manner that it lies on the ground and no part thereof extends more than four feet above the ground.

C. No roads requiring earth moving, cut or fill shall be constructed.