

**[REU-14] GUIDELINES FOR CUTTING DOWN TREES - Rev. 8/19/03**

Except in the process of an authorized construction, maintenance, or safety project, the Department shall not cut down trees unless:

1. The trees pose a potential danger to persons or property; or
2. The cutting down of trees is approved by the appropriate District Engineer.

Care should be taken in every instance to contact the property owner of any trimming of a NC Champion Big Tree. Special consideration should be taken when working around these trees.

For a list of big champion trees go to <http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/urban/pdf/Champion.pdf> on the web.

[G.S. 136-18.6](#)

[RF20020912.pdf](#) (Memo regarding North Carolina Champion Big Trees)