

Connecticut Tree Laws

The following is the **Table of Contents** from **Connecticut Tree Laws: A Compilation of Pertinent Statutes and Regulations for Arborists, Foresters, Tree Wardens, and others involved with Connecticut's trees.** The full document is available upon request from the CT DEEP Division of Forestry.

Each statute has been linked to the current wording of the statute on the Connecticut General Assembly website. The abbreviations after the statute title are indications of likely interest in that statute by profession, according to the following scheme:

A = Arborist
TW= Tree Warden
FP = Forest Practitioner
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