



HEDGE CUTTING AND LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER OBLIGATIONS

HEDGE CUTTING SEASON **1st September 2026 to 28th February 2027**

The Roads Act 1993 (Section 70) places a statutory obligation on all landowners/occupiers of land or structures to ensure that roadside structures, trees, shrubs or other vegetation do not present a danger to those using and working on public roads.

In the interest of safety and the protection of all people who use the public roads in our County, landowners and occupiers of land are requested to:

- take all reasonable care to ensure that roadside structures, trees, hedges, shrubs and other vegetation growing on their land is not or could not become a danger to those using or working on the public roads.
- ensure that all debris is removed from roads following hedge cutting.

It is also important to remember that hedges provide shelter for nesting birds and small animals. Hedge cutting should not be undertaken (except for essential public health, safety or road works) during the growth season, which is between 1st March and 31st August. Landowners are encouraged to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity on all their hedgerows (including non-roadside hedges) and information on this is available on www.pollinators.ie.

Please be aware of your responsibilities in relation to Invasive Species, in particular where Japanese Knotweed is present, hedges should not be cut under any circumstances.

Carlow County Council wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of those landowners and occupiers who are, and have been, complying with their responsibilities down through the years.

It should be noted that the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) provides that in cases where landowners fail to comply with their obligations, the Council may take whatever necessary action to ensure compliance. Please note that fines up to €1,270, and/or six months in prison, may be applicable.

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BEARRADH FÁIL AGUS OIBLEAGÁIDÍ AR ÚINÉIR TALÚN/ÁITITHEOIR

SÉASÚR BEARRTHA FÁIL 1 Meán Fómhair 2026 go 28 Feabhra 2027

Cuireann Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (Alt 70) oibleagáid reachtúil ar gach úinéir talún/áititheoir talún nó struchtúr chun a chinntiú nach mbíonn struchtúir, crainn, toir nó fásra eile cois bóthair ina mbaol dóibh siúd a bhaineann úsáid as bóithre poiblí agus a oibríonn orthu.

Ar mhaithe le sábháilteacht agus cosaint gach duine a bhaineann úsáid as na bóithre poiblí inár gContae, ceanglaítear ar úinéirí talún agus ar áititheoirí talún:

- gach cúram réasúnta a ghlacadh chun a chinntiú nach mbíonn agus nach bhféadfaidh sé go mbeidh struchtúir, crainn, fála, toir ná fásra eile cois bóthair atá ag fás ar a dtalamh ina mbaol dóibh siúd a bhaineann úsáid as na bóithre poiblí nó a oibríonn orthu.
- a chinntiú go mbaintear gach smionagar de na bóithre tar éis fál a bhearradh.

Tá sé tábhachtach a mheabhrú freisin go dtugann fála foscadh d'éin agus d'ainmhithe beaga atá ag neadú. Níor cheart fála a bhearradh (seachas i gcás sláinte phoiblí riachtanach, sábháilteacht nó oibreacha bóthair) le linn shéasúr an fháis, atá idir an 1 Márta agus an 31 Lúnasa. Moltar d'úinéirí talún fiadhúlra a chosaint agus bithéagsúlacht a chur chun cinn ar a gcuid fála sceach go léir (lena n-áirítear fála nach bhfuil cois bóthair) agus tá eolas maidir leis sin ar fáil ar www.pollinators.ie.

Bíodh a fhios agat faoi do fhreagrachtaí maidir le Speicis Ionracha — go háirithe má tá Glúineach Bhiorach ann, níor cheart fála a bhearradh i gcás ar bith.

Is mian le Comhairle Contae Cheatharlach aitheantas a thabhairt do chomhoibriú na n-úinéirí talún agus na n-áititheoirí sin atá, agus a bhí, ag comhlíonadh a bhfreagrachtaí i gcaitheamh na mblianta.

Is fiú a thabhairt faoi deara go bhforáiltear le hAcht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú), i gcásanna nach gcomhlíonann úinéirí talún a n-oibleagáidí, go bhféadfaidh an Chomhairle cibé gníomh is gá a ghlacadh chun comhlíonadh a chinntiú. Tabhair faoi deara, le do thoil, go bhféadfadh fineálacha suas le €1,270, agus/nó sé mhí i bpríosún, a bheith infheidhme.

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