

Vermont Specific Items for Tree Farm Inspector Training

Vermont Tree Farm Program

- Website(currently being updated)
 - <https://www.vermontreefarm.org/>
- Established 1956
- Sponsored by Vermont Woodlands Association
- As of February 15, 2021 133,000 acres, 440 Tree Farms
- Vermont Tree Farm Program is “dedicated to promoting the thoughtful stewardship of Vermont’s privately-owned working forests.” Strategic plan just updated in 2020-21.
- We are a Certified State
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Specific information relating to ATFS Standards for Vermont

Standard 1- Commitment to Practicing Sustainable Forestry

- Management plan comparison matrix for Use Value Appraisal, Tree Farm and NRCS requirements.
 - <https://www.vermontreefarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Comparisonmatrix.pdf>

Standard 2 – Compliance with Laws

What are the relevant Vermont laws a woodland owner must consider?

- Heavy Cut Law -
http://fpr.vcms.vt.prod.cdc.nicusa.com/sites/fpr/files/About_the_Department/Rules_and_Regulations/Library/reghevcut.pdf
- Slash Laws
http://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/About_the_Department/Rules_and_Regulations/Library/Timber_Harvest_2012Web.pdf
- AMP’s regulatory on Current Use Properties -
https://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Management/Library/AMP%20final%20version%207-17-18.pdf

- Shoreline regulations
<https://anr.vermont.gov/sites/anr/files/specialtopics/muniday/documents/2019-shoreland-protection-summary.pdf>
- Wetland Rules
https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/documents/wsmd_VermontWetlandRules.pdf
- Act 250 Harvests over 2500' in Elevation
http://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/About_the_Department/Rules_and_Regulations/Library/Timber_Harvest_2012Web.pdf
- Timber Trespass <https://law.justia.com/codes/vermont/2016/title-13/chapter-77/section-3606a>
- Where can a woodland owner find out more about relevant laws?
<https://fpr.vermont.gov/>
- www.treefarmssystem.org/woodland-resources

Standard 3- Reforestation and Afforestation

- Use UVA acceptable guidelines for reforestation

Standard 4- Air, Water and Soil Protection

- Link to AMP guidelines
https://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Management/Library/AMP%20final%20version%207-17-18.pdf
- Link to FPR forest health page
 - <https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/forest-health>
- Link to Fire protection
 - <https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/wildland-fire>
- Vermont Acceptable Management Practices Guidelines for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont
http://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/The_Forest_Ecosystem/Library/CurrentAMPBooklet.pdf
- <http://vtinvasives.org/plants/prevention-and-management/tools-resources>
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Standard 5- Fish, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Health

- Vermont Biofinder <https://anr.vermont.gov/maps/biofinder>
- Vermont Natural Resources Atlas <https://anr.vermont.gov/maps/nr-atlas>
- Invasive plants & insects:
 - <http://www.vtinvasives.org>
- Forest pests and pathogens:
 - <http://www.fpr.vermont.gov>

- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
 - <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal>
- Forests of Recognized Importance
 - Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park has been identified by the Vermont Tree Farm Committee as a Forest of Recognized Importance. See specific guidance on addressing this in your 021 inspection form on FORI guidelines.

Standard 6- Forest Aesthetics

- No laws or guidelines in VT

Standard 7- Protect Special Sites

- Historic Sites- <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/>
- Vermont Archeological Inventory
 - <https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/vermont-archaeological-inventory>

Standard 8- Forest Product Harvests and Other Activities

- Using Licensed Foresters
 - <https://sos.vermont.gov/foresters/>
- Though there are different programs “certifying” loggers, there is not one that is standard or required to hire a logger. Below is link to logger education sites.
 - <https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/working-landscape/logger-training-continuing-education>