

**Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council**

**Notice to Landowners**

**This notice sets out the responsibilities of landowners in relation to public roads.**

**TREES AND HEDGES**

Landowners are responsible for the cutting, trimming and maintenance of roadside trees and hedges which are a hazard or potential hazard to road users or interfere with the maintenance of the road. Dead and unsafe trees should be removed and hedges should be cut and trimmed. All reasonable care should be taken to ensure the safety of road users when this work is being carried out. Landowners will be responsible for the cost of removing fallen trees from public roads. Professional advice on the condition of roadside trees should be obtained from time to time and dead or unsafe trees should be removed.

Tree felling or hedge cutting should not be undertaken, except in the case of an emergency, **between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August. The season is now open for hedge cutting.**

**DAMAGE TO ROADS**

It is an offence to damage or dig up a public road without the permission of the County Council, or to allow any material, such as soil, slurry or fodder onto a public road, where such material could be a hazard to road users.

Landowners should ensure, therefore that:-

- the transport of winter fodder over public roads is eliminated or minimised.
- tyres of tractors are regularly washed down so that soil is not carried onto the road.
- any soil, fodder etc., which is deposited on the road is removed immediately.
- fodder, plastic or twines are not left on grass margins.
- livestock are fed an adequate distance from the road to prevent road drainage being interfered with and slurry flowing onto the road.

**ROAD DRAINAGE**

It is the responsibility of landowners to ensure that an adequate drainage system is maintained so that:-

- water is not prevented or obstructed from draining from a public road.
- water does not flow onto a public road from the land.

Written consent is required from the County Council where it is proposed to deepen or widen an existing drain or dig a new drain within 15 metres from the nearest edge of the road.

Mayo County Council seeks the co-operation of all landowners in complying with their obligations relating to public roads and to road users.

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