

Introduction

TREECO LTD is committed to promoting sustainable arboriculture practices in both domestic and commercial tree cutting services throughout the UK. Our work aims to protect the environment, enhance biodiversity, and contribute to the sustainable management of natural resources. This policy outlines the principles and actions we follow to minimize our environmental impact.

Scope

This policy applies to all TREECO LTD employees, contractors, and subcontractors involved in tree felling, pruning, and related activities across domestic and commercial projects.

1. Sustainable Tree Management

- **Preservation First:** TREECO LTD prioritises tree preservation over removal. We aim to prune, maintain, or transplant trees wherever possible rather than felling.
- **Selective Felling:** When tree removal is necessary, we conduct thorough assessments to ensure that felling is the last resort, based on factors like safety, health of the tree, and its impact on the environment.
- **Replanting Commitment:** For every tree removed, TREECO LTD commits to replanting trees where possible, either on-site or through partnerships with local environmental initiatives.

2. Wildlife and Habitat Protection

- **Biodiversity Safeguarding:** TREECO LTD follows best practices to protect wildlife habitats during operations, including nesting birds, bats, and other species dependent on trees.
- **Surveys:** We carry out ecological surveys where required to ensure compliance with wildlife protection laws such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- **Tree Work Timing:** Tree cutting during bird nesting season (March - August) is minimized and conducted only after thorough inspection to ensure nests are not disturbed.

3. Waste Management and Recycling

- **Wood and Green Waste Recycling:** TREECO LTD commits to recycling as much tree material as possible. Felled timber and branches are reused as mulch, firewood, or processed into wood chips for landscaping and bioenergy.
- **Responsible Disposal:** Any waste that cannot be recycled is disposed of in accordance with local environmental regulations to minimize landfill use.
- **Stump Grinding Waste:** Stump grinding material is reused on-site or disposed of responsibly, reducing soil disturbance and environmental impact.

4. Use of Eco-Friendly Practices

- **Low-Emission Equipment:** TREECO LTD strives to use low-emission, fuel-efficient machinery where possible to reduce our carbon footprint. We regularly maintain and upgrade our fleet to ensure we use the most environmentally friendly equipment available.
- **Biodegradable Oils:** We use biodegradable oils in our chainsaws and machinery to reduce the impact of spills or leaks on the environment.
- **Chemical Use Minimization:** TREECO LTD avoids the use of harmful chemicals in tree management. If herbicides or pesticides are required, we use eco-friendly options and apply them sparingly, following all legal guidelines.

5. Carbon Footprint Reduction

- **Vehicle Efficiency:** TREECO LTD uses fuel-efficient vehicles and minimizes travel distances by planning jobs geographically, reducing unnecessary journeys, and optimizing vehicle loads.
- **Tree Planting Initiatives:** In addition to replanting trees for those removed, we participate in tree planting initiatives to offset our carbon emissions and contribute to local reforestation efforts.

6. Education and Awareness

- **Staff Training:** TREECO LTD provides regular environmental training to ensure that all employees are aware of their environmental responsibilities and the importance of sustainable tree care.
- **Client Education:** We advise clients on sustainable landscaping and tree care practices, encouraging them to make eco-friendly decisions in their gardens and estates.

7. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

- **Legal Compliance:** TREECO LTD complies with all relevant UK environmental regulations, including the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and seeks to exceed minimum legal requirements.
- **Monitoring and Review:** TREECO LTD continuously monitors the environmental impact of our operations and reviews our policy annually to improve performance and incorporate new best practices.

Responsibility

This policy is the responsibility of all TREECO LTD employees, contractors, and subcontractors. It is the duty of the management team to ensure its implementation and the continuous improvement of our environmental practices.

Signed: 

Managing Director TREECO LTD

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