

MAINTENANCE PLANNING GUIDELINES

2/2014

ACTIVITY: Brush Cutting & Tree Removal (R414)

ACTION: Brush Cutting & Tree Removal

MAJOR & MINOR

DEFINITION: The time and expenses incurred for brush cutting and tree removal.

PURPOSE: To provide adequate sight distance by the removal of brush and trees generally within 30 ft. of traveled way and as needed.

SCHEDULING: During winter months except for critical sight distance and hazardous trees and limbs.

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RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- Trucks
- Boom Trucks
- Loader
- Chipper
- Chainsaws
- Canopy Cutter
- Boom Mower
- Traffic Control Equipment; reference (See EPG [616.23 Traffic Control for Field Operations](#))

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

1. Place traffic control devices as needed.
2. Cut as close to the ground as possible.
3. Treat stumps with herbicide to prevent regrowth.
4. Remove traffic control devices.
5. Dispose of cut material in accordance with roadside tree removal policy.
6. Dispose of brush and wood.

RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:

- As recommended EPG [821 Herbicides and Roadsides](#)

SAFETY: When trees are close to structures or power lines, removal should be performed by the utility company or by bonded specialists. Refer to the [Comprehensive Safety Program sharepoint portal](#). Wear all appropriate PPE. Refer to the [Risk Based Assessment](#) for additional information.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Check necessity for burning permit. Inmates shall not be used for burning vegetation.

REFERENCES: [822.10 Maintenance Planning Guidelines for Tree Removal](#) and [127.25.8.1 Open Burning](#)