

**Storm Water Division
Operating Policies
Routine Maintenance (RoM)**



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Subject: Vegetation Removal	Effective Date: 10-1-02
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Purpose: To establish guidelines for the removal of live or dead vegetation from conveyance systems.	
Policy: Dead vegetation may be removed from conveyance systems without limitations. Live vegetation will not be removed from ditches, streams, or other conveyance systems except in the following cases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live vegetation may be removed from ditches when performing ditch cleaning activities. Vegetation shall be reestablished in accordance with policy Maint-11. 2. Live vegetation may be removed from conveyance systems (streams) upon determination that the system does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). 3. Live vegetation may be removed from conveyance systems (streams) that fall under the jurisdiction of TDEC upon receipt of a permit from TDEC allowing the activity. 4. Mature trees that are removed from a stream bank shall be cut at or above ground and the root system left intact for bank stability. 	
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