
Overview

This standard covers carrying out the management of planted areas in order to keep them in an appropriate condition, in keeping with the use and purpose of the area.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

**Performance
criteria**

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out an environmental assessment of the site before starting work
- P2 check the plan and specifications for details of activities required
- P3 prepare, use and maintain equipment required for the work safely and effectively
- P4 carry out management activities to the planted area in accordance with specifications
- P5 assess the results of management activities, ensuring objectives and standards have been achieved
- P6 leave the area in an undamaged and tidy condition following activities
- P7 keep damage to the surrounding area and environmental pollution to a minimum
- P8 maintain effective communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, the work
- P9 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P10 complete records as appropriate
- P11 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of carrying out an environmental assessment of the site before starting work and the findings which must be reported
- K2 how to prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe and effective condition
- K3 the importance of completing activity in accordance with specifications
- K4 the variety of purposes and uses of planted areas and how these affect their management
- K5 the stages of plant development
- K6 how to carry out management activities
- K7 signs of damage or threats to plant health and the appropriate action to take
- K8 the potential impact of your work on the environment and how to minimise this
- K9 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K10 the typical problems that may occur and how to deal with these
- K11 who to refer problems to which are outside your responsibility
- K12 the records which need to be completed
- K13 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

Glossary

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines, customer requirements.

Instructions: verbal or written.

The areas may have been created by planting or by natural regeneration and could include woodlands, orchards, parks, grounds, gardens or wildlife habitats.

Management activity includes pruning/trimming/training, thinning out, tying in, renovation, removal, replacement, spraying, weed control, pest control, disease control, feeding, mulching, soil amelioration, strimming, mowing.

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