

# *Wellfleet Fire Department*



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## **GUIDELINES FOR CLEARING VEGETATION ALONG PRIVATE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS**

The Town of Wellfleet recommends the following standards to ensure unrestricted access for emergency vehicles. Property owners and neighborhood associations should comply with these guidelines to ensure that ambulances, police cars and fire trucks can get to your home quickly in case of an emergency.

Roads and driveways should be a hard surface at least 8 feet wide.

Brush, shrubs, trees, branches and other woody vegetation should be removed at least 3 feet beyond each side of the road or driveway and at least 14 feet above the road level. The result should be a clear passage at least 14 feet wide by 14 feet high.

When growth reduces the clear passage to 12 feet in width or height it should be trimmed back as above.

Certain sections of roads and driveways may require custom standards. These sections include, but are not limited to: intersections, sharp corners, turn-arounds, cul-de-sacs and areas near water sources. Standards for these areas on a case-by-case basis will be determined by the Fire Chief or designee.

**Failure to keep roads and driveways cleared to these standards may result in a delayed response by emergency personnel.**