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Contact List for Timber Buyers & Contractors

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Farm forest owners are continuously asking how they can get in touch with timber buyers and contractors, so we have asked buyers and contractors to submit their contact details. Contact details of companies are provided for general information purposes only, and should under no circumstances be taken as an endorsement of the contents or practices of those companies. Teagasc has no liability for any loss occasioned from the use of information appearing on this list.

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As a forest owner, it is strongly recommended in all instances when accessing the contractor list that you:

- seek valid quotes and references from at least two contractors/buyers
 - ensure that the contractor/buyer employed by you is adequately insured, qualified, accredited and certified and in a position to carry out works or services on an agreed schedule
 - agree terms, dates and prices before any work commences
 - enter into an appropriate legally binding contract regarding all agreed works and conditions
 - ensure that you are tax compliant. Seek professional advice
- ensure that all work is properly and professionally supervised

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Some useful tips when considering harvesting / selling timber:

Useful tips when selling timber:

- Notify timber buyers well in advance of upcoming sales. This will allow time to inspect site and assess the volume and quality and the harvesting options
- Put timber on the market *before* harvesting as timber is harvested and cut to the lengths required by the market
- Buyers should quote a price per m3 or tonne for each of the timber categories being purchased and they should quote for each category as appropriate i.e. timber bought 'standing', 'delivered to roadside' or 'delivered to the mill'
- Sellers should establish with the buyer the categories of timber that are required and how logs will be taken. E.g. a couple of loads a week or monthly etc.
- Sellers should investigate local processors to keep the haulage cost to a minimum
- Clarify your tax liabilities

Useful tips when drawing up a timber sales contract:

- Provide all necessary legal documents including environmental and heritage regulations, site hazard documentation, risk assessment, pollution control plan, safety rules and emergency procedures
- Compliance with Felling Licence conditions and all relevant Forest Service guidelines
- Agreement on road use, maximum weights
- Agreement on thinning method and procedures
- Agreement on roundwood included in sale
- Agreement on harvesting procedures and controls
- Agreement on the supply and application of urea and dye
- Agreement on length of time between felling and removals
- Insurance requirements for harvesting contractors
- Indemnity of forest owner
- Timber security, consider using the ITGA's timber sales system
- Timber sold by volume or by weight (volume/weight?)
- Payment agreement including deposit and regular instalments
- Commencement and completion dates
- Breach of contract, arbitration procedures
- FSC/PEFC certification requirements
- Clarify your tax liabilities

Useful tips for Forest Owner Groups when preparing timber sales tenders:

It is essential to identify and engage an experienced expert in inviting tenders and preparing tender documents and forms.

When you appoint the expert it will be necessary to consult with him/her to draft the invitation to tender and the tender documents. It is expected that the invitation to tender will include the following:

- Tenders should be submitted on a form to be provided by the group so that all the information is submitted in the same format. (This is necessary in order to facilitate the comparison of bids/tenders).
- Specify a closing date for tender receipt and a return address for tenders.
- Clarify tax liabilities
- Invitation to tenders should include completion date for work.
- That tenders should be submitted by either post or email. Text tenders should not be accepted.
- VAT registered parties should be informed that they will have to show VAT separately on tender forms.
- Anyone wishing to tender should be asked to familiarise themselves with each site
- If bidding for a number of tenders, foresters should display that they have adequate resources to carry out the work within the allotted timeframe.
- Specify the number of forests involved, and the works to be carried out for each forest.
- If a list of loc8 codes can be provided for each site, this will make it easier for foresters to assess the work to be carried out
- Name and address of contact person(s) in group should be included
- Tender applications should be accompanied by references
- Landowners should ensure that they have adequate insurance if they are inviting foresters onto their land to inspect works to be carried out. Documentary evidence of Public Liability/Employers Liability insurance cover should be provided with the tender". (An acceptable level of cover will have to be agreed by the group.)
- A scoring system should be put in place to allow the tenders to be evaluated. It is a good idea to include this in the invitation to tender. The following is a suggested scoring only, e.g. pricing 50%, time scale 25% and references 25%.

This list is by no means exhaustive and simply aims to address some of the items that forest owner groups should consider when inviting foresters to tender for works to be carried out. This information is not a substitute to engaging an expert in drafting the necessary tender documents and Teagasc accepts no liability for reliance by you on the suggestions set out above.

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Code of Practice for Managing Safety and Health in Forestry Operations

The forestry industry in Ireland has evolved in recent years to a situation where contracting is the norm. There may now be many links in the chain between ‘forest owner’ and ‘forest worker’. Whether you are a timber grower or purchaser, contractor or subcontractor (operator), you have legal duties to fulfil in order to ensure that people’s safety and health is not put at risk during, or as a result of, forestry operations.

The law requires that, during the planning and carrying out of forestry operations, a number of safety and health duties be fulfilled, including:

- Preparing written risk assessments
- Selecting suitable equipment for the job
- Protecting public safety and health
- Setting out safe working procedures
- Ensuring operators are competent
- Supervising and monitoring the work

Depending on the contractual relationship, different role-holders may share duties. To successfully manage safety and health, you need to co-ordinate your activities with others and pass information up and down the contract chain. To help this flow of information and to ensure that the right people carry out the right tasks, the Code of Practice for Managing Safety and Health in Forestry Operations sets out four management roles.

These roles, which are not an attempt to describe the actual contractual relation in forestry contracts, are:

- The Landowner role
- The Forestry Work Manager (FWM) role
- The Contractor role
- The Sub-contractor role

Within any forestry contract you need to identify which of these roles falls to you and carry out the appropriate tasks.

Depending on how the contracts are organised for a particular work-site, you may pick up more than one role.

Within each role, the effort demanded by a particular task depends on the complexity and extent of the risks involved. The greater the risks, the greater the effort needed. The following table provides an overview of the four different management roles.

Role	Definition	Examples of who may take on this role
Landowner	The person or company in control of the land on which the forestry work takes place	Timber growers such as farmers or estate owners with forested land State and state-sponsored bodies and local authorities Forestry management companies and land agents working on behalf of private and public owners
Forestry Work Manager	The person or company who commissions work on a forestry site	Anyone in the landowner role directly engaging forestry contractors as part of their business Timber purchasers such as traders, processors and contractors
Contractor	The provider of a forestry service	Contracting companies with their own employees or who take on sub-contractors Owner-operators Hauliers
Sub-contractor	Anyone engaged by a contractor other than by direct employment	Anyone working under contract to a contractor Anyone in any of the other roles above who works on the site

Further information can be found in the HSA’s [Code of Practice for Managing Safety and Health in Forestry Operations](#)  (0.9 MB)

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County	Name	Location	Contact details	Business	Products wanted
Clare	Aurora Energy Eco Fuels	Kilmaley	065 7087893	Timber buyer/ Woodchip	Pulpwood
	C Kelly Forestry	Inagh	087 2673696	Buyer/Road/Harvester	All products
	Clare Wood Chip Ltd	Feakle	086 6993146	Timber buyer/woodchip	Pulpwood
	Forestlink Ltd	Shannon	087 8038138	Timber buyer	
	Gerry O Leary	Kilmaley	086 3971916	Timber buyer/ Harvester	
	Lough Graney Stakes	Caher	061 925188	Timber buyer	Stakewood
	Martin Quinn, East Clare Forestry Services	Tulla	087 0916111	Buyer/Road/Harvester	All products
	Wayne Skerritt	Maurices Mills	086 8539837	Timber buyer	
Cork	Cork BIOKEL	Macroom	087 2364898		
	Dave Slattery Harvesting	Mitchelstown	087-2514712		
	Grainger Sawmills	Enniskeane	023-8822500		
	Horgan Brothers	Macroom	087-2528326	Timber harvesting / haulage / buyer	Pulpwood and firewood
	Martin Brew	Inishannon	086 3740368	Broadleaf thinning contractor	
	O'Laoire Mini Timber	Macroom	086-3028965		
	Palfab	Lissarda	086 2581284		
	Rosmead Limited	Mitchelstown	087 2514712		
	Tomas Murphy	Kilnamartyra	086 2537061		
	William O'Brien	Coolboy, Kilbehenny	086 0523063	Firewood processor	
Kerry	Michael Spellman	Killarney	086-3818142	Timber buyer	Small/Large Sawlog
	Michael Quirke	Cahirciveen	087 9475309	Timber buyer/woodchip	Pulpwood
	Seamus Murphy	Killarney	087-6919977	Harvester/Timber buyer	All products
	Maurice Browne	Scartaglin	087-6737490	Harvester/Timber buyer	All products



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	Edwin Stryker	Knocknagoshel	086 2535915	Timber buyer/woodchip	Pulpwood
	(John) Casey Fuels	Killarney	087 6322276	Timber buyer/woodchip	Pulpwood
Limerick	Deel Forestry – Kieran	Rathkeale	087 2630234	Timber harvesting/road construction	All products
	McMahon Eco Fuels	Killeedy	069 85885		
	Mark Dunworth	Kilgrogan, Adare	087- 8347676		
	Thomas O’Neill	Castleconnell	061 372088		
Tipperary	Medite Europe Ltd	Clonmel	052 6182300		
	Irish Hardwoods	Dundrum	062-71101		
	John McGrath	Clonmel	086 2736713		
	Michael Fahey	Littleton	087 2712967		
	Michael Standish	Roscrea	087 2763454		
	Forestry Services	Clonoulty	087 6579352		
	Oliver Kelly Timber	Clonmel	087 6279253		
	Seamus Fox	Mulnahone	087 2853201		
	Patrick Williams	52 Carrigeen, Clonmel,	086 8871442	1 st thin contractor	
	Tom Breedy	Kilcaroon, Ballyporeen	086- 8211532	Broadleaf thin contractor	
Waterford	Smartply Europe	Slieverue	051-851233		

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Mayo	J & K Forest Services Ltd.	Claremorris	087 2539591	Timber harvesting/buyer	Thinnings
	Larke & Davis Timber Ltd.	Ballina	086 2526193	Timber harvesting/buyer	Thinnings
	Sean O'Malley	Ballina	086 2586460	Road construction/plant hire	Forest roads
	West Sawmills	Ballina	096 21488	Timber buyer	Pallet, sawlog
Galway	Aughrim Sawmills	Ballinasloe	0909 673718		
	Connolly Sawmills	Turloughmore	091 797219		
	Currans Sawmills	Corrandulla	091 791273		
	ECC Teo	Corr na Mona	087 2586138		
	Trojan horses	Athenry	086 038 4857		
	Robert English	Ahascragh	0909 688722		
	Joe Hynes	Bushy Park	091 521201		
	Patrick Moloney, Horse Extraction	Ballinasloe	086 3186889		
	Michael Flaherty Sawmills	Portumna	0509 41536		
	Mountbellew Timber	Mountbellew	0909 679362		
	Murray Timber	Ballygar	087 2585519		
Leitrim	Crowes Sawmills – Alan	Mohill	071 9631040	Timber buyer	Pallet, sawlog
	Inisfree Logging - Gerry	Dromahair	0862521735	Timber harvesting/buyer	Thinnings
	Masonite Ireland – Brendan	Carrick on Shannon	071 9659500	Timber buyer	Pulpwood
	McCaughey Wood Fuel – Brian	Mohill	087 2938279 / 086 1631628	Timber buyer	Pulpwood & firewood
	McMorrow Haulage & Harvesting Ltd – Gerry	Kilmore, Dowra	0719643266 0872524326	Timber haulage / clearfell harvesting	All products
	Tommy Lynch	Carrigallen	087 2933734	Timber harvesting/buyer	Thinnings
Roscommon	Clooneskert Wood Products and Sawmill	Roscommon	0906 661264 / 086 2755752	Mobile sawmill and firewood processor	Roundwood

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	Connadh Firewood Ltd	Roosky	087 2047950	Firewood processor	
	GenPro Forestry – Cecil	Boyle	087 3659441	Thinning, clearfell, timber marketing, roads	All products
	Greengrove Wood Energy Ltd	Roscommon	086 8131651 / 087 2626252	Woodchip contracting	Pulpwood
	Irish Woodland Services	Boyle	087 333 1068	Timber buyer, harvesting	Thinnings, clearfell
	Jody Higgins	Boyle	086 2682701	Timber harvesting/buyer	Pallet, sawlog
	Woods Firewood Products	Castlerea	086 2207721	Firewood processor	Pulpwood
Sligo	Alan Cole	Drumfin via Boyle	085 7771507	Broadleaf thinning & inspection paths	
	Joe Gowran	Drumcliff South	071 9145504	Broadleaf woodland contractor only	
	John McHale	Hazelwood	071 9143552	Timber buyer	Stake & sawlog only
	Noel Davis	Coolaney	087 2204970	Thinning and felling of small areas, fencing	Mainly pulpwood
	Vincent McMorrow	Dromahair	087 2779672	Forest roads	
	William Barber	Grange	087 9087979	Thinning and felling of small areas	

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Cavan	Cavan Tree Services	Drummury, Crossdoney	086 2768221	Tree care	
	M & F Timber Harvesting	Main St., Swanlinbar	087 2568635	Timber buyer, harvesting	All products
	Padraic O Reilly	Main St., Swanlinbar	087 6037813	Timber buyer, harvesting	All products
	Austin McGurren	Rahaghan, Ballyconnell	086 8204116	Transport, sawdust, wood chip, shavings	Sawdust, wood chips and shavings
Donegal	Alexander Smyth	Convoy	085 1233375	Timber buyer, harvesting	All products
	Doherty Sawmills – Paddy	Ballinamore, Cloghan	074 9146135	Timber buying, hauling	Stake, strainers
	Drenagh Sawmills – Lee	Limavady	048-77765611	Timber buying, harvesting, hauling	Stake, pallet, sawlog
	Ecowood Energy – Malachy	Buncrana	086 8042607	Timber buyer	Pulpwood
	Glenfin Forest Services – Joey	Glenfin	086 6040011	Timber buyer, harvesting, fencing, timber measuring, skyline available	All products
	McCools Sawmills – Dan	Stranorlar	074 9131293	Timber buyer	Sawlog, pallet
	McLoughlin Tannalised Fencing Posts – Tony	Termon	074 9139182	Timber buyer	Stake, strainers
	Michael Brolly	Convoy	086 2623813	Timber harvesting	
	Moore Harvesting – Martin	Narin, Portnoo	087 2546502	Timber harvesting	
	Mullin’s Sawmills – Brendan	Donegal Town	087 9528853	Timber buyer, harvesting, hauling	All products
	North South Harvesting – Michael	Omagh, CoTyrone	048 82259555	Timber harvesting, hauling	



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	North West Forest Services – Sean	Stranorlar	087 2507383	Timber harvesting, hauling, roads	
	Paul Lavery	Stranorlar	086 2030475	Timber buyer, harvesting	All products
	Raudon Teo	Fintown	074 9551495	Timber buying, harvesting, hauling	Stake, pallet, sawlog

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Carlow	Denis Shannon	Carlow/nationwide	086-2031657	Thinning hardwoods / softwoods Timber extraction	Hardwoods / softwoods – firewood
	Envile Forestry	Borris	087 2500457		
Kildare	Murray Tree Care	Monasterevin	086 8857179	Timber buyer / chainsaw / Timber extraction	Hardwoods for firewood
	Imperative Energy	Maynooth	01-6510344		
Kilkenny	A Team Tree Services	Cuffesgrange	056 7729734		
	A.B. Barrowmount	Goresbridge	086 1713259		
	D Pellets		056-7768619		
	Roland Forestry	Hugginstown	086 2577346		
	Sean Hoskins Forestry	Skeaghvasteen	086 038 4742	Thinning hardwoods / timber extraction / firewood processing	
	Templeorum Hardwood	Piltown	086 8489338		
	Tom Dwyer		087 2589039		
Longford	Glennon Brothers Timber	Dublin Road	086 2551086	Timber buyer	Mainly sawlog
	Longford Timber	Drumlish	087 2531967	Clear felling contractor	
Laois	Damien Brophy	Mountrath	087 2236454	Timber / harvester / buyer	Stake, pallet, sawlog
	Jack Cuddy, tractor & trailer	Camross	087 9023893	Timber harvester	
	Coolrain Sawmills	Coolrain, Portlaoise	057 8735152	Sawmill / Timber buyer	Stake, pallet, sawlog
	Lalor Transport Ltd	Mountrath	087 9194946	Timber haulier	Haulage provider
	Laois Bailey woodchip	Ballacolla	087 2580738	Woodchip supplier	Pulpwood
	Laois Sawmills	Portlaoise	057 8621075 / 086 2794872	Sawmill / Timber buyer	Stake, pallet, sawlog

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	Leo Brophy	Mountrath	087 7474955	Thinning conifers / hardwoods/ tree felling	
	P.J. Cuddy	Mountrath	087 2625020	Timber clearfell harvester	Mainly sawlog
	Pat Collier Timber Harvesting	Coolrain	087 9693284	Timber harvester /buyer	
	Peter Sheeran Timber Harvesting Ltd.	Mountrath	087 9677382	Timber harvester /buyer	Stake, pallet, sawlog
	Raymond O'Keefe	Abbeyleix	087 2343746	Large timber felling or haulage	
	Tommy Kelly	Portarlinton	087 2583674	Harvester / Timber buyer	Stake, pallet, sawlog
	Worrell Harvesting	Ballybrittas	045 529574	Timber buyer/ harvester / woodchip / timber haulage	All products
Offaly	Bord Na Mona	Leabeg, Tullamore	057 9345900 086 2341140 086 3426933	Wood chip buyer	Pulpwood (logs), woodchip buyer
	Clonmore Sawmill	Tullamore	087 2600375	Timber buyer	Mature hardwood & softwood
	Eamon Flaherty Timber Extraction	Kinnity	086 3510840	Timber buyer / harvester / / haulier	All products
	Icon Forestry	Killeigh	083 3701308	Inspection paths, chainsaw felling & extraction	
	Nordale Enterprises Ltd	Banagher Sawmills	057 9151318	Timber buyer	Sawlog
	Standish Sawmills	Roscrea	087 2642032	Timber buyer	Stakewood
	Tottenham Timber	Tullamore	086 8362522	Timber harvesting & marketing	
	Vaughan Tree Care Ltd. Forestry & Timber		087 2544129	Felling licence applications, broadleaf thinning, chainsaw felling	Buy timber for firewood



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Westmeath	Roy Ashmore Harvesting	Mullingar	087 2754606	Timber buyer	Mainly firewood
Wexford	Lightfoot Forestry	Gorey	086 8060847		
	John Jordan	Enniscorthy	087 2867983		
Wicklow	East Log Harvesting	Aughrim	086 2576606		
	Edward Keogh	Donard	087 2499924		
	Larry Byrne and Sons	Glenealy	087 6813640		
	Roundwood Harvesting	Roundwood	087 2545215		

To find out more:

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