

Compacting your TreeWorks database

TreeWorks data are stored and updated in a geodatabase. When users add data to this geodatabase the records within this file are stored in order and accessed rather efficiently. However, as users add and delete more data records over time the records within each file lose their original order and unused space starts to develop. This constant change causes the filing system to perform more searching operations thus slowing the rate at which records are accessed.

For those users frequently adding and deleting data, you should compact your geodatabase after any large-scale change, or at least on a monthly basis. Compacting the database speeds up processing by re-arranging unused records, and eliminating unused space. As compacting reduces the size of each file, it may be possible to reduce database size by half or more!

To compact your TreeWorks database

1. Open ArcCatalog
2. Navigate to C: > Program Files > TreeWorks > TreeWorks.mdb
3. Right click on your TreeWorks geodatabase and select > Compact Database

The database will automatically eliminate unused space and compact itself into a more manageable size to aide in data transfer and processing.