



Conservation Tree Planting Schedule

Conservation tree plantings are an important asset on any farm or ranch. Tree plantings can be designed to protect home sites and livestock from harsh winter winds. Field windbreaks reduce soil erosion and increase crop yields by reducing moisture stress. Tree plantings along rivers and streams help protect water quality by stabilizing stream banks and filtering out farm chemicals before they reach the streams. Wood production, Christmas trees, and wildlife habitat are other benefits provided by conservation tree plantings.

Establishing a successful conservation tree planting involves more than planting the trees. Careful site location, design of the planting, proper site preparation, tree planting, and follow-up care are

essential for a successful conservation tree planting.

Much thought and work must go into planning a tree planting. Many tree planting failures can be attributed to lack of preparation prior to planting, poor planting techniques, and lack of early maintenance.

The purpose of this schedule is to serve as a guide for successful establishment of a conservation tree planting. Additional information and assistance in establishing conservation tree plantings are available from the Kansas Forest Service, local K-State Research and Extension offices, Natural Resources Conservation Service offices, County Conservation District offices, and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism offices.

Tree Planting Publications

- *Tree Planting Guide*, L596
- *Planting Black Walnut for Timber*, L731
- *Fabric Mulch for Trees and Shrub Plantings*, MF2216
- *Windbreak Management*, MF815
- *Living Snow Fences in Kansas*, L744
- *Windbreaks for Kansas*, MF2120
- *Windbreaks for Wildlife*, MF805
- *Weed Control Options in Tree Plantings*, L848
- *Chemical Weed Control in Tree Plantings*, MF656

These publications are available at www.ksre.ksu.edu and at your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Prepare tree planting plans								■	■	■	■	■
Prepare sod site					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Prepare cropland site								■	■	■	■	■
Order trees for spring planting	■	■	■	■								■
Complete site preparation		■	■	■								
Apply preplant herbicides		■	■	■								
Plant trees			■	■	■							
Water trees if soil is dry and not frozen	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Control weeds in tree plantings					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Apply preemergent herbicide										■	■	
Protect plantings from deer and rodent damage									■	■	■	■
Inspect tree plantings for insect and disease problems					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Protect tree plantings from fire and livestock damage	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Apply postemergent herbicide				■	■							

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