



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 Kansas Forest Service, local K-State Research and Extension offices, Natural Resources Conservation Service offices, County Conservation District offices, and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Tree Planting Publications

- *Tree Planting Guide*, C-596
- *Planting Black Walnut for Timber*, L-731
- *Fabric Mulch for Trees and Shrub Plantings*, MF-2216
- *Windbreak Management*, MF-815
- *Living Snow Fences in Kansas*, L-744
- *Windbreaks for Kansas*, MF-2120
- *Windbreaks for Wildlife*, MF-805
- *Weed Control Options in Tree Plantings*, L-848
- *Chemical Weed Control in Tree Plantings*, MF-656

Tree Planting Schedule

	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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