

## Tree Planting Calendar

**“Successful preparation is the key to successful planting”**

### SUMMER

#### ORDER TREES AND SHRUBS

- Order plants early to guarantee supply, December/January is best.
- Select species local to you area or ask **Jayfields Nursery** for advice on suitable species.

### AUTUMN

#### RIP TREE LINES

- Rip before the Autumn break, while the ground is dry, and before ground becomes too wet preferably, to get deep shattering of the soil.
- Rip 4 metres apart at a minimum depth of 45cm.
- Don't rip under the drip-line of existing trees.
- Mound in wet areas.
- Break up large clods as they can cover phalaris plants thus reducing winter spray effectiveness.

#### SPRAYING

Before frost and 10 days after rain

- Spray any **couch grass** areas with *Glyphosate*.

One month after Autumn break when plants are actively growing

- **Spray phalaris and/or cocksfoot, if present.** These plants are very hard to kill so seek appropriate advice on sprays and rates.

### WINTER

**3-4 WEEKS MINIMUM - PRIOR TO PLANTING. Knock down weeds & apply residual herbicide to control competition throughout Spring.**

- For normal annual weed and pasture species, spray with *Glyphosate*, plus a suitable residual herbicide. Adequate weed control is best achieved with the application of *Glyphosate* and a residual herbicide. *Glyphosate* alone will not achieve adequate weed control.
- *Simazine*, a residual herbicide, has been used extensively with great success in weed control in the past.
- **NB. Plant back period on *Simazine* is minimum of 3 weeks.**
- Please refer to product labels or a reputable chemical advisor for rate and use details.

#### BEFORE PLANTING

##### Control rabbits and hares

- Coordinate with neighbours if necessary.
- Avoid the need for labour-intensive and expensive tree guards.

##### One week prior to planting.

- Inspect rip lines for regrowth and respray if needed with *Glyphosate* only.

### WINTER/SPRING

#### PLANT SEEDLINGS

- Plant mid July to mid September (depending on rainfall and soil type), but one month after spraying.
- Plant at least 4 x 4 metres apart, up to a maximum of 625 seedlings/ha

#### AFTER PLANTING

##### First week after planting

- Inspect for vermin or stock damage, or stock entry to plantation.

##### Regularly post-planting

- Check plants – make sure there are no weeds within half a metre of plants through Spring and early Summer.
- Watch regularly for grasshoppers, particularly in dry years – spray if causing damage. Use suitable methods to control, seek advice.

**Weed control throughout the first Spring and into Summer is the single most important element affecting tree survival and growth.**