

Site Preparation & Maintenance

Before Planting

Site needs to be worked very well. First in the fall then again in the spring. There should be no clumps, the soil should be tilled black like a garden.



Clumpy soils will create air pockets which will cause roots to dry out and the tree to die.

After Planting

The berm on each side of the trees needs to be packed. Weeds need to be controlled and the ground kept tilled for easy fabric installation.

After Fabric

Trees are centered in cut lines of the fabric and soil covers the edges and seams. The sun will tighten the fabric.



When preparing soils for tree planting, the ground needs to be tilled black. It is easier on the trees and best for installation of the trees and fabric.

- The best time to start working the ground is in the fall
- Leave the soil fallow over winter
- In the spring the ground must be worked again
- The ground should be worked 4 to 8 inches in depth. It needs to be dug as well as disked.
- Weeds need to be controlled before trees are to be planted and also before fabric is installed
- Fabric does not lay well with vegetation holding it up. The ground needs to be worked and kept weed free after planting and before fabric.
- The better the site is worked up, the better the chance of tree survival.
- Avoid putting any fertilizer down, as this will burn up the trees.

Desired End Result

Grass between trees is kept mowed, fabric is maintained from weeds every year and needs to be cut around trees to prevent girdling.

Girdling can stunt growth and end up killing the tree.

