



[GUIDE SHEET]

TREES FOR WINDBREAKS

Effective windbreaks require good planning. This guide will outline the basic steps and suggest the trees best suited for the purpose.

1) Purpose:

Establish what your windbreak needs to do. If you are simply wanting to reduce wind blow across crops, then a single row of trees with underplanting of deciduous shrubs will be enough. If, however, a substantial wind barrier is required for livestock or property then plant a 3 to 5 row break with underplanting including some native evergreens.

2) Length & Location

Next, determine the most effective location for your windbreak. This will depend mostly on your field or building size and what the prevailing wind direction is. It is often best to plant the windbreak in an L, U or E shape as a straight line will not offer the same protection. Good airflow however, is still important (especially for livestock) so do not completely enclose your property.

3) Suggested Tree Varieties

Fagus Sylvatica, *Alnus Cordata*, *Populus Nigra Italica*, *Pinus Sylvestris*, *Cupressus Leylandii*, *Thuja Plicata*.

4) Underplanting

Crataegus Monogyna, *Prunus Spinosa*, *Corylus Avellana*, *Viburnum Lantana*, *Ilex Aquifolium*, *Taxus Baccata*.

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