

DISTRICT PLANTING:**Ground Preparation:***Cropland Sites:*

Area to be planted (may not need tillage in soybean residue) must be disked and harrowed or tilled prior to planting. Sufficient crop residue should remain to control erosion.

Existing crop residue may be left undisturbed between tree rows to control erosion, however, rows themselves must be worked as stated above. A minimum 6 feet width without weed barrier or 11 feet width with weed barrier must be worked.

Sod Sites:

Entire area to be planted may be disked and harrowed or tilled prior to planting. If necessary to control erosion, only the area of the tree rows may be worked.

The minimum tree row width to be worked is 6 feet. The worked strip may be tilled a minimum of 8 to 10 inches in depth.

A minimum of 11 feet width is required to be worked if barrier is to be used.

Sites to be strip tilled should have the sod killed by nonselective herbicide prior to being worked to help insure total kill is achieved.

Hand Plant Sites:

A minimum 6 feet diameter area must be worked for each tree planted in sod. Trees may be planted directly into crop residue.

REFER TO THE TECHNICAL GUIDE, STANDARD 380 – FOR ADDITIONAL GROUND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS.

Give landowner white flags to mark the start and end of row and about every 250' in the row.

Distances:

8' minimum off fence- row for machine plant

8' minimum off fence- row for weed barrier installation

Within row distance between trees – 4, 5 or 6 feet or multiples thereof according to NRCS tech guides.

Double-check your math on planting plans

Make landowners aware that there are no changes allowed when the tree planter gets out there to plant.

Aerial Photos must accompany the planting plan with point of entry and route to planting site clearly marked.

Label name of closest road or roads to planting site for “Diggers Hotline”

Complete address, cell phone numbers and home phone numbers on planting plan

Indicate weed barrier on plan if it is included and identify rows receiving barrier