

HOW TO PLANT HEDGES

Having many years experience of planting hedges, our hedging specification is as follows. We prefer a double-staggered row hedge with 6 trees or plants per metre. Of course, there are many other possibilities!

Double Staggered Row Hedge

First Row:

This consists of a two row hedge with a density of 6 plants or trees per metre (3 plants of trees every metre in each row).

1. Lay out the hedge line course with string or other material, marking with spray paint or other marker every metre spot in the first row.
2. Plant a tree or plant at each metre spot.

Thirdly, plant two other trees or plants at an equal distance between those already planted at every metre spot. This gives you three plants or trees every metre.

Second Row:

Make the second row approximately 25cm to 30cm from the first row. Simply plant a tree or plant at every mid-point between those trees or plants in the first row. This allows gaps to be filled in and will make for a good uniform hedge.

We have found that following this procedure planting a hedge can be a very quick process!

Maintenance:

Good ground preparation is essential for a hedge to be a success. Removal of weeds and grass and associated root systems is necessary so to allow the hedge to have access to soil water and mineral nutrients. Once planted, it will also be necessary to make sure that weeds and grasses do not compete with the hedge. See other sections under this Tree Care section for more information on how to ensure your hedge will be a success.