

# Site Preparation

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## Site Preparation is Key for Planting Success Why?

Ensures easy planting on planting day

Makes the other operations more effective

Lays out clearly where the planting is to take place

The trees need the room to grow

Sites with more competition will suppress and may kill the seedlings

In most cases, the trees will not out compete the grass

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## Methods and Time

Current Ground Cover	Site Prep Required by Landowner
Fallow Field	Fall Mowing - Fall Herbicide - Spring Cover Crop
Bare Soil	Fall Herbicide - Spring Cover Crop
Sod	Fall Herbicide - Fall Tillage - Spring Cover Crop

## Use of Chemicals

Simazine and Round up are the most common chemicals used in Site Prep and tending methods

LTVCA does not recommend using these chemicals without proper licensing and training



# Site Tending



## Site Tending ensures tree seedlings can succeed Why?

- Ensures less competition from weeds and other plants
- Tree seedlings show much more growth when site tending completed
- Looks more aesthetic and seedlings are easier to find
- Important in first 3-5 years of planting

## Methods and Time

Method	Times per Year
Mowing Between rows	2-3 Times per Summer
Spot Spraying	1-2 Times per summer for first 1-3 years

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## Cover Crops

White Clover - Used to suppress weed growth, provides easy ground cover to plant seedlings into, easy to tend tree seedlings once established

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