

Site Preparation

Site preparation is necessary to ensure seedling survival and allows easy and efficient planting on planting day. In most cases, trees will not outcompete grass. Along with sun, water and nutrients, seedlings need proper space to flourish.

Methods and Time

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



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Site Tending

Site Tending is important in the first 3-5 years of planting and ensures tree seedling success as there is less competition from weeds and other plants. Tending also makes projects look more aesthetically pleasing and allows for seedlings to be more easily found and cared for.

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Method

Times Per Year

Mowing Between Rows

2-3 times per Summer

Spot Spraying

1-2 times per Summer for first 1-3 years

Cover Crops

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



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