

Overview

This standard is about planting trees to a given specification.

The standard spans planting whips through to planting large root-balled trees and includes planting and providing the aftercare to trees once planted.

When working with machinery you need to be appropriately trained, and hold current certification where required, in line with relevant legislation.

Your work must conform to all relevant legislation and codes of practice when carrying out this work.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed work
2. select and implement appropriate working methods in accordance with the assessed risks
3. select and use the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the work
4. handle plant material to minimise damage and optimise growth
5. ensure the bio-security and check the condition of the tree before transporting
6. transport planting stock and materials in accordance with the planting specification
7. check the condition and species of tree in line with the planting specification, before establishment
8. plant trees in line with the planting specification
9. provide support and protection to trees, in accordance with the specification and size of stock
10. provide aftercare to the newly planted trees, where appropriate
11. remove all waste and surplus materials and dispose of them as specified
12. ensure the site is left in a condition which meets environmental requirements, in accordance with the specification
13. maintain appropriate records
14. maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times, in accordance with relevant legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks
2. how to interpret risk assessments
3. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment (PPE)
4. the types of tools and equipment required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
5. why it is important to maintain the safety and security of equipment and vehicles on site
6. how to check the condition and bio-security of stock to ensure they are fit for establishment
7. how to choose the right quality, compatibility, size and species of stock
8. planting support and protection methods for a variety of trees
9. how to select suitable support systems, where required
10. how to handle and plant different types of plant material to maintain the stock in good condition
11. the problems and aftercare requirements of newly planted trees to ensure their successful establishment
12. the correct methods of disposing of surplus materials and/or waste
13. the importance of maintaining planting records
14. your responsibilities under relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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