

### Weed control

- Remove all existing surface vegetation from the planting area by either spot spraying or grubbing.
- Clear a 1m patch for each plant.
- Don't over-clear surrounding vegetation or remove topsoil.
- If using herbicide, spray the area in June-Aug (if planting in Spring) with Roundup (recommended rate 150ml per 15 litres water, 1% mix) and if regrowth occurs before planting, spot spray areas of 60-80cm, two weeks before planting. Try to minimise the usage.
- Spray only in calm conditions.
- Wetting agents improve coverage and adhesiveness.
- Use a side-to-side motion for better results (*see below*).



Circle pattern (poor result). Side-to-side (better control).

### Planting

- Skim vegetation off the surface (save for mulch).
- Dig a hole twice the size of the plant container and loosen the soil at the bottom.
- Remove the plant from pot keeping intact as much soil around the roots as possible.
- Cut off any spiralling roots or make vertical cuts along the length of the soil block.
- Remove the bottom inch (25mm) of soil plug with a sharp knife or secateurs.
- Place the plant in the hole so the base of the stem is at the correct depth.
- Add soil around the root ball and gently firm.
- A watering soon after planting is beneficial.

### Maintenance

Whilst maintenance is time consuming it is essential so that plants will survive and grow. Plants should be kept free of grass and weeds for three years after planting.

To assist with plant survival:

- Apply mulch where practical to retain the moisture and suppress weeds.
- Check plants regularly and weed around the base of plants using a sharp grubber.
- If using chemicals to control weed growth be extremely careful not to contact the plant. Protect with a spray shield or place bucket over the plant before spraying. If chemicals contact a plant wash off with water immediately and/or remove affected leaves.
- Water plants on dry banks in dry seasons.

### \* Remember

Fencing: stock need to be excluded from all plantings permanently.



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## Planting advice and activity calendar



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# Calendar of activities

Below is an outline of when activities should be taking place throughout the year to prepare, plant and maintain riparian plantings.

Most importantly planting should take place in late winter-early spring. Frost tolerant plants can be planted earlier when

good moisture availability permits the development of a root system before the drier months. A number of native plants, however, are frost-sensitive so their establishment should be delayed until spring (Sept-Oct) and watering may be required during dry periods to ensure establishment.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Order plants	✓	✓									✓	✓
Pre-plant spray					✓	✓	✓					
Planting					✓ see NB			✓	✓	✓		
Watering	As required										As required	
Weed control	✓											✓
Mortality count												✓
Order replacements	✓											✓

NB. For Banks Peninsula and coastal North Canterbury.

