

Hedgerow planting guidance

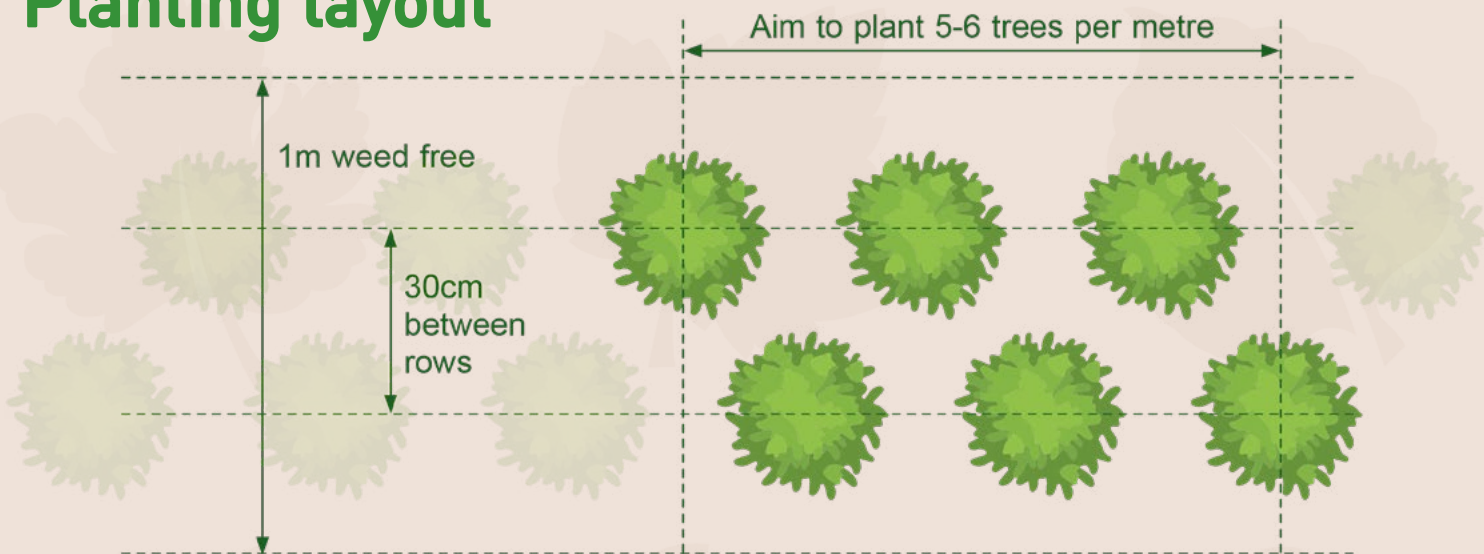


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- When planting a hedgerow ensure there is space for growth in all directions. Leave approximately a 50cm gap if planting against a wall or fence line.
- The ideal hedgerow is planted in two staggered rows with each row spaced 30cm apart. You should aim to plant five or six trees per metre (across both rows), in a 'WWW' shape.

Planting layout



- To produce the thickest hedge, it is best practice to trim the hedgerow after planting down to around 15cm in height. This may seem extreme, but these young trees are fast growing and by pruning them back they will produce thick bushy growth all the way down to the ground.



- For the first three years, prune again each winter removing around 1/3 of the new growth off the sides and tops. After this, trim every two or three years to maintain an A frame shape around 2m in height, while allowing berries to be produced.



Further planting guidance for trees and hedgerows can be found on the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/plantyourtree>