

# Tree Bark Protectors

Tree bark protectors are important tools for facilitating the growth and survival of young trees in Baltimore County, where newly planted trees and plants are regularly subjected to deer browse and buck rub.

*What you'll need:*



Two ≥6' wooden or metal stakes per tree



5-6' Deer fencing, or sturdy plastic or wire mesh (63" length per tree)



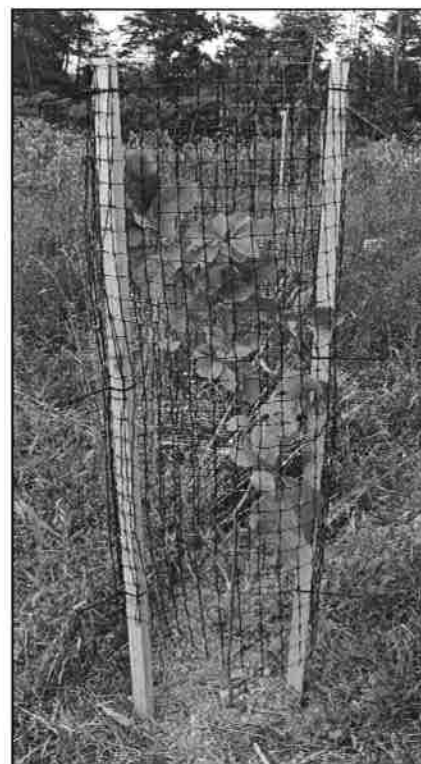
6 zip ties per tree



Hammer or pole driver

## After your tree(s) is/are planted...

1. Cut a 63" length of deer fencing or plastic/wire mesh. Sixty-three inches allows for a 20"-diameter shelter when wrapped around the tree.
2. Measure 10" from the base of the tree (about one foot's length) and hammer the first stake about 1' into the ground; measure 10" in the opposite direction from the base and hammer in the second stake.
3. Wrap the fencing/mesh around the inside or outside of the stakes so that the fencing forms a 20" diameter ring; the fencing should overlap by about 1-2".
4. Line the "seam" up with one of the stakes and zip tie the shelter together while attaching it to the top, middle, and bottom of the stake.
5. Attach the opposite side of the shelter to the second stake with zip ties at the top, middle, and bottom of the stake.



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