

Pre-Orders Open

Biodegradable Tree Guards & Cocoon Plant Incubators

If you are looking to plant new trees and want to give them the best chance of establishing, there are many methods available to help them along. This year, the Shire of Northam are offering 2 options to assist you in establishing your newly planted trees, which are available for pre-order now.



Biodegradable Tree Guards

These guards will assist in protecting your tree investments from animals, wind and the sun while they establish. They are 100% biodegradable with an expected protection range of approximately 18 months.

The cardboard guard and stake will be sold for \$1 each, and come in packs of 50 which can be sold as whole packs or as required.

These tree guards will be available during the annual TREE SUBSIDY PROGRAM and the NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY that will be run in June (subject to the rains), however residents wishing to order bulk numbers exceeding 50 will need to pre-order the guards to ensure the Shire can accommodate community requirements.

Cocoon Plant Incubators

If you have feature trees needing a little extra assistance, cocoon plant incubators may be what you require. Some benefits include:

- These cocoons are very water-wise, requiring substantially less water than traditional watering methods. With 25 litres added at planting, this will ensure enough water and moisture is retained to establish your seedling/sapling. They encourage deeper tap root development
- They create a buffer weed-free zone around the plant
- They offer a high survival rate (generally above 90%)
- They are 100% biodegradable

Cocoon Plant Incubators are a very water-wise, cost-effective way to establish trees where irrigation or water truck cost is not feasible, or where trees are hard to establish and failure rates are costly. They also provide significant value in a successional revegetation context where you are looking to establish over-storey species for under-storey flora and fauna to flourish.

The cocoons will be sold at \$20 each, and each cocoon must be pre-ordered.



Tree Subsidy Program

Information regarding this year's Tree Subsidy Program will be available in the coming weeks.

Pre-Orders Open until 27th May

Orders will need to be placed prior to Friday May 27th for both bulk tree guard orders exceeding 50 and any number of tree cocoons.

Orders can be emailed to environment@northam.wa.gov.au or by phone to 9622 6139.

Those pre ordering will be contacted in June when product arrives to pick up and pay for order.