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The Dynamics of a Hedgerow Planting

Preparation and planting the site

- Order plants 4-6 months in advance
- Disc/till site to create a seedbed
- Harrow or spray out weeds after first germination
- Plant in fall to take advantage of rains for establishment
- Seed site with native grasses
- Mow and/or use broadleaf herbicides for weed control after native grass establishment
- Use drip irrigation to establish shrubs and forbs for at least 3 years
- Pre-irrigate site and plant shrubs and forbs into moisture

Other helpful tips

- Pay attention to proper plant spacing and give plants plenty of room to grow
- To calculate number of plants needed, divide hedgerow length by 7.5 ft
- Plant hedgerows parallel to crop rows to ease tractor movement
- Group 3 similar large shrubs in a row for a more natural design
- Use herbicides or hoe weeds around shrubs and forbs
- Use fertilizer and/or compost for shrubs and forbs at planting
- Add gumplant seed to grass seed mix for added diversity

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See our Hedgerow Plant List to choose the right shrubs, forbs and native grasses for your farm

For more information:
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