

## Why do you use those strange tubes (otherwise known as tree shelters)?

- Deer and rodent control.
- Growth enhancement.
- Protection from mowers.
- Protection from buck rub.
- Control unwanted vegetation.



## What else do I need to know when choosing shelters?

- Use 5-foot shelters to prevent deer damage.
- All shelters should have a perforation that splits as the tree outgrows the shelter.
- Consider whether a solid shelter or vented shelter is best. *Some species, including sycamore, river birch, silver maple, and tulip poplar, grow very fast in solid shelters and may become top-heavy.*



## Tell me about those nets!

Install bird nets on all shelters housing small seedlings to prevent bird and tree mortality. Pull the nets down to form a half-dollar-sized hole to allow trees to grow through if nets are not removed in time. Nets with a tassel at the top will permanently damage trees if not removed at the right time.