

## USING WEED BARRIER FABRIC

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Plastic mulch weed barrier fabric has been used since 1998 in Pope County to promote tree growth and provide weed control. The fabric comes in 6-ft wide continuous rolls which is machine installed with 1 foot on each side anchoring the mat down.

The mat kills weeds, which are competition for nutrition and moisture. It comes in black, which creates a microclimate heating the soil up like a greenhouse effect. The moisture condenses under the mat promoting tree growth and higher survival rates.

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## How Weed Fabric is Installed

The weed mat is laid over the top of the recently planted tree. A slit is cut, and the tree is pulled through.



You will notice the trees stay weed free and receive extra protection from the weed barrier fabric when it is installed.

## WEED BARRIER FABRIC PROJECT HIGHLIGHT



The picture above was taken in 1999 of a field windbreak that was planted in 1998. The picture below is of the same windbreak in the spring of 2003.



Weed Barrier Fabric can be an important component for your project.

## “ The Cadillac of Weed Control”

The Pope SWCD provides fabric installation services for any project. We can take your project from design to implementation. This fabric is machine installed by our experienced staff.

Site preparations are important for the installation of the fabric. The ground should be worked up to prepare the soil for the trees but also for ease of the machine in laying down the fabric and anchoring in the sides. The tilled soil will create optimum conditions for the tree roots. Compacted soils will affect tree growth rates.

We can provide an estimate for your next project. Give our office a call today to begin planning your next project. Ask for Kelly at 320-634-5327.

