People in Washington need large numbers of trees for forest, Christmas tree, windbreak, and conservation plantings.

**Sources of trees.** This publication lists nurseries which grow seedlings for planting in Washington. This list is not necessarily complete, nor does inclusion imply endorsement. Most nurseries will send you a brochure and price list upon request.

**What is the best species to plant?** The best tree species to plant will depend on several factors: purpose of the planting, soil moisture and drainage, available sunlight, brush competition, potential for animal damage, and other considerations. Consult your county Extension Agent, local nursery, consulting forester, or another knowledgeable person about what species are best for your area.

**Site preparation.** Advance site preparation is important when excess logging debris, brush, or sod cover is present on the planting site. Complete preparation during the summer or fall before the planting season. Several techniques are available. Ask a forester for advice.

**When should I plant my trees?** Plant trees when the seedlings are dormant. Planting seasons can vary with weather conditions and elevation. In western Washington, most growers plant trees from January through April. In eastern Washington, most planting occurs in March and April.

**Post-planting follow-up.** Measures to control wildlife feeding damage or competing vegetation are often necessary to ensure the survival and growth of planted trees. A forester can give you specific advice.

**When should I order my trees?** *Early!* Order trees well in advance of the planting season, or you may find many nurseries sold out. Dates for placing orders vary among nurseries. In most cases, try to confirm your order by summer or early fall for planting the next year.

**Seed Source.** Select seedlings which have been grown from seed collected from the same geographic area and elevation as the planting site. Geographic planting areas, called “seed zones,” are designated by a three-digit number. Elevations are delineated in 500-ft. intervals. Designate the seed zone and elevation when you order. (Exception: for Christmas tree production be sure to order seedlings only from proven “Christmas tree” seed sources).

**What stock type should I plant?** Most tree seedlings are designated by a two-digit age code. The first digit indicates the number of years the tree grew in the nursery bed where the seed was sown. The second digit indicates how many years the seedling has grown after being moved to a transplant bed where it had more space to develop to a larger size: 2-0 seedlings are commonly used in many planting situations. Larger transplant seedlings (e.g., 1-1 or 2-1) often are used when competition from brush or animal damage are anticipated. Other stock types include “plugs,” container-grown trees raised in a greenhouse, and “cuttings,” used for species, such as cottonwood and willow, which sprout roots after planting.

**Proper tree care is important!** Tree seedlings need care during storage, handling, and planting. Refrigerated storage is recommended if you cannot plant seedlings immediately. During planting be sure roots are kept moist and protected from exposure to the air. Instructions for proper planting techniques appear on the back of this publication.
**Fir Run Nursery**
17901 150th Avenue East #765 Orting, WA 98360
253-221-3238
[https://www.firrunnursery.com/](https://www.firrunnursery.com/)
*Douglas-fir, western redcedar, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, noble fir, Pacific silver fir*

**IFA Nurseries**
[https://ifanurseries.com/](https://ifanurseries.com/)
William D. Hagenstein Forest Nursery 135 Nisqually Cut-Off Rd SE Olympia, WA 98503
360-456-5941
*Douglas-fir, western hemlock, western redcedar, noble fir, Westside ponderosa pine*

**Fourth Corner Nurseries**
5652 Sand Road, Bellingham, WA 98226
360-592-2250 or 800-416-8640; [sales@fourthcornernurseries.com](mailto:sales@fourthcornernurseries.com)
*Wide variety of NW native trees and shrubs*

**Lewis River Reforestation**
1203 NW Hayes Rd Woodland, WA 98674
360-225-6357
*Limited supplies; Douglas-fir, western hemlock, western redcedar*

**Silvaseed Company**
Container and Transplant Nursery PO Box 118
Roy, WA 98500
253-843-2246
*Douglas-fir, red alder, western hemlock, western redcedar, western white pine, numerous others*

**WA Department of Natural Resources**
Webster Forest Nursery
9805 Blomberg Rd SW Olympia, WA 98504
360-902-1234 or 877-890-2626
[https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/forest-resources/webster-forest-nursery](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/forest-resources/webster-forest-nursery)
*Douglas-fir, western hemlock, western redcedar, grand fir, western white pine, Westside ponderosa pine.*

**WACD Plant Materials Center**
16564 Bradley Road, Bow WA 98232
360-757-1094; pmcsales@gmx.com
*Wide variety of native plants* including hard to find native forest tree species.

**Weyerhaeuser Company**
7935 Highway 12, Rochester
260-273-5517
*Douglas-fir, western hemlock, western redcedar, noble fir, Sitka spruce, red alder*
Woodbrook Native Plant Nursery
5919 78th Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
253-857-6808
http://woodbrooknativeplantnursery.com/
Wide variety of native plants including hard to find native forest tree species (does not sell bareroot stock).

Aldrich Berry Farm & Nursery
190 Aldrich Road, Mossyrock, WA 98564
360-983-3138; galdrich@tds.com
http://aldrichberryfarm.com/conifers.html
Douglas-fir, western redcedar, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, noble fir, shore (lodgepole) pine, as well as a variety of Christmas tree stock and native plants.