

****Scheduling for a Successful CREP Project- Key Dates for Activities****

*(Supplement to NRCS Practices 391 Riparian Forest Buffer
& 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment)*

January-March

- Tree and shrub planting
- Mulch application

Mid-March – Mid-May

- Herbicide treatment on reed canarygrass (glyphosate)
- Herbicide treatment on blackberry (triclopyr)

May-July

- Mowing or cutting large blackberry patches. This will allow the blackberry to regrow before a late summer spray. Ideal height for spraying is 12-18 inches.

Late August-September (pre-frost)

- Herbicide treatment on reed canarygrass (glyphosate)
- Herbicide treatment on blackberry (triclopyr)

September-Pre-planting

- Herbicide treatment on grass and weeds for planting circles. This should be done when the grass/weeds are actively growing for it to be effective. Some grasses are dormant in Sept/Oct and will need to be treated after the rains return and they “green-up”. Wait at least a week after spraying before planting.

Post-planting- ?

- Grass & weed maintenance around new seedlings. Keep a 2-3 ft. diameter clear of all vegetation to ensure that your seedlings are getting all the moisture that they can! Always shield your seedlings from herbicide spray & drift. **The most important thing that you can do for your trees!**