

Overview of Key Points in Video: "Selecting the Right Plant Types & Sizes for *Your* Budget"

Hedgerows Toolkit for Rural & Working Lands - WSU Thurston Co. Extension

| Live Stakes | Bare-root Stock | Containerized Stock |
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| Limited annual availability window; must plan ahead. | Limited annual availability window; must plan ahead to order. | Available almost anytime, but planning ahead ensures best options. |
| Limited planting window. | Limited planting window. | Can plant anytime (late fall/dormant season best). |
| Very limited species. | Not available for all species. Some species not consistently successful. | All species available. |
| Overplant slightly in case of some mortality. | Overplant slightly in case of some mortality. | Least prone to transplant stress/most likely to be successful of 3 options. |
| Plant with minimal soil disturbance, but hard to install on very compacted sites. | Can be time consuming to plant as roots may be long & wide. Plants might struggle in some rocky/fast-draining soils. | Easy to plant in all soils. Take care to prevent erosion or siltation when planting near waterbodies. |
| Almost always least expensive option. | Inexpensive, 50-75+ percent less than containers. | Most expensive of 3 options. |
| Minor cost for buying longer/more robust stakes, though often not necessary. | Small cost for buying taller/more robust stock & often worth it: root systems are typically sufficient to support top growth. | Usually significant cost increases from smaller to larger stock. Depending on role in hedgerow, larger stock = "instant landscape" or gives slow growers a head start. Consider tradeoffs & affordability. |
| Easy and inexpensive to transport/ship. | Easy and inexpensive to transport/ship. | Larger stock possibly more costly to transport to site than small plants. |
| Easy to move on site to planting area (bundles). | Easy to move on site to planting area. | Larger stock possibly more challenging to move on field site, depending on distance to planting. |
| Can possibly harvest yourself from mature plants on site. | Plant immediately or provide special care to hold until ready to plant. | Roots must be sufficient to support top growth. Visit nurseries prior to purchase to check plant health & vigor. |