

Make your own tree guards

Saplings (young trees) can be destroyed by rabbits and other animals, which love to eat them. They also need to be supported so that the wind and rain doesn't blow them over. To protect your trees while they grow you can make tree guards out of plastic milk bottles (4 or 6 pint). These can be threaded over the supporting canes.

Take a plastic 4 or 6 pint milk carton and wash it out.

Cut off the bottom of the container with a pair of scissors



Carefully cut off the top about 2 cm above the handle hole.

Turn upside down and insert the supporting cane into the handle part of the container. The small overhang of plastic you left will help grip the cane.

Plant your sapling and place your tree guard very carefully over the plant. Check which direction the prevailing wind comes from and make sure the handle faces that way so that it doesn't swivel in the wind. Push the cane at least 15cms into the ground.

