

NPI Name: 1.2 m tubular tree guard and stake

NPI Code: TGS

NPI Payment: Year 1: £4.02 per guard and stake

NPI Aim(s): To protect newly planted trees from damage by grazing animals in EFS(H) sites.

Scheme Applicability: Wider – EFS(W) Higher – EFS(H) Group – EFS(G)

This NPI is: Permanent Rotational

NPI Description and Outcome: '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' are eligible where they will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). The '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' will protect newly planted trees, particularly from rabbit damage.

Number Permitted: Minimum 1 Maximum Not Applicable*

*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ¹		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
TGS1C	All '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' must be erected by the end of Year 1.	✓		✓
TGS2C	The claimed number of '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' must be erected in the field(s) where they have been approved.	✓		✓
TGS3C	New '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' must be used.	✓		✓
TGS4C	The claimed number of '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' must comply with the Specification outlined below.			✓
TGS5C	Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements, location, number and date(s) erected for the '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes'.	✓		✓

¹ The possible control types for each requirement may be:
'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

Specification:

The '1.2 m tubular tree guards and stakes' must:

- be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP;
- be at least 1.2 m high and 80 - 100 mm diameter; and
- have stakes which are a minimum of 1.20 cm x 1.20 cm x 1.20 m long and are free of bark, tanalised or treated with an approved preservative; and
- be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.

Further Advice:

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before new tree guards and stakes are erected along a roadway.