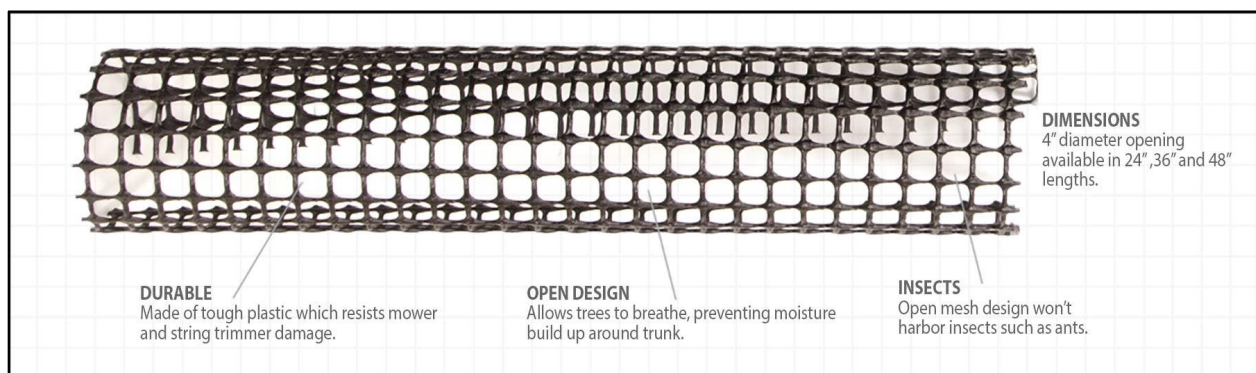




## PROTECT YOUR NEWLY PLANTED TREES FROM DEER DAMAGE

Deer rub their antlers against trees to scrape off the velvet cover and/or mark their territory, causing extensive damage. Deer Guards are a mesh-like covering that effectively protect young trees. They are required for each shade tree planted in the Borough and are highly recommended for any new tree planting. Deer guards should:

- Be installed on all new tree plantings where the length of the trunk—free of branches—is greater than 18 inches;
- Cover at least 75% of length of trunk from the ground to the first branch—not required to exceed a maximum height of 48 inches;
- Be secured at 3 points using 3 ply organic BIODEGRADABLE twine or rope—NO WIRE OR ZIP TIES (this would restrict trunk growth);
- Be of rigid construction but flexible, allowing expansion, and formed to stay in place regardless of presence of twine/rope;
- Be 4- or 6-inch diameter for trees between 2 and 6-inch caliper;
- Be of open mesh design, with not more than 50% opacity; and
- Be maintained in place for at least 5 years and until tree is at least 8 inch caliper DBH (diameter at breast height).



Guards that meet these requirements are available online at AM Leonard:

<https://www.amleo.com/leonard-rigid-plastic-mesh-tree-guards-4-inch-diameter-48-inch-length/p/BG48>

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