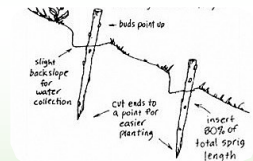


WILLOW STAKING RULES OF THUMB

- 👍 Review the site, plant 2' apart
- 👍 Remove no more than 1/3rd of individual shrub/tree for conservation
- 👍 Use rebar or similar to pre-dig the hole approximately 24" deep (*proximity to groundwater is key*)
- 👍 Use straight stakes, 1"- 3" diameter (*larger diameter cuttings have more stored energy for survival*)
- 👍 Cut the top flat and the bottom at angle to help with placement; buds should be pointing up (*3-4 buds above ground with a majority of stake underground*)
- 👍 Remove leaves and stems from the stake before planting
- 👍 Conduct in October-February, after a good rain event saturates the soil & the willows are dormant



Credit: Ann Riley