

Living Snow Fences

What are Living Snow Fences?

Living snow fences are designed plantings of trees and/or shrubs and natives grasses located along roads or ditches. These plantings create a vegetative barrier that traps and controls blowing and drifting snow.

Why do we need Snow Fences?

Living snow fences can be a low-cost solution to effectively prevent snowdrifts, improve visibility, and reduce slush and ice accumulations. These fences can reduce the effort spent on snow management.

Building a Living Snow Fence Program

The key to success is county level agencies, organizations and landowners working together to identify blowing and drifting snow problem areas and to develop creative approaches to establish living snow fences in these areas.

Please contact the WACD Plant Materials Center for a list of trees and shrubs that are suitable for creating living snow fences.



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