

# How do I choose a nursery tree

Many people are into forestry and they buy the trees they plant from tree nurseries.

When buying a tree from a nursery, there are factors that you need to have in mind before purchasing the tree seedlings. You need to consider the tree function ie reason as you why you are buying the tree, tree growth form and size and the site conditions.

## Tree considerations

In tree function, you might need to consider a deciduous tree which keeps green during the rainy season but shades off its leaves during the dry season to minimize the loss of water.

You can as well choose an ever green tree. This provides a great wind break and also shields you and provides privacy. You can as well choose a street tree that adds beauty to your home.

The form and size of the tree should also be considered. This helps you ensure that the right tree is planted in the right place for example tall trees can be planted near homes to act as wind breaks.

Other factors to consider include the soil conditions, exposure to sun and wind, drainage, space constraints, hardiness zone, human activity, insect and disease susceptibility and closeness to power lines.

## Purchasing containerized trees

When purchasing a containerized tree, take a look at the roots. The roots should have many side small fibrous roots,

roots of good size and good root colour. This should be checked out for when purchasing new trees.