

WoodlandCover

WoodlandCover Forestry Insurance Scheme

For 2011/2012 we have, working with Willis, secured reduced rates for fire, wind, and other perils and other improvements.

If you have a query or if any detail needs to be changed please contact us immediately – preferably by e-mail to insurance@forsure.ie or by fax to 091 566587. No alteration is in place until confirmed to you in writing.

Reconstitution grants for replanting are no longer available for losses caused by fire and wind. Apart from the loss of growth you could have substantial exposure following fire (or wind) loss. This is a grant / premium condition in the Forest Service planting scheme “In the event of plant losses it is a condition of grant aid that losses will be replaced within the following two growing seasons.”

It could cost €25,000 to reconstitute 10 hectares of 5 year old conifer woodland, failing which you (if a farmer) could have to repay grants and premium of approximately €60,000 and miss out on future premium income of up to €75,000; even for a non-farmer the amounts are substantial; peace of mind to cover Reconstitution costs could cost less than €70 when taken with Basic Cover.

Reconstitution Cover is strongly recommended.

Please read and retain the attached updated Basis of Indemnity and Conditions of Administration of the Scheme. Having regard to your requirement and considering the balance between cost and the availability, extent and continuity of cover we believe that the basic cover is the most suitable and in your best interests and that you should, for maximum protection, also avail of Reconstitution Cover.

WoodlandCover For Your Forest

2011	Main Features
Reconstitution	Improved Reconstitution levels; cover up to 25 years
Public Liability (where included) – includes felling of smaller trees – when using insured contractors	Limit €6,500,000
Hardwoods	Improved rates
Full cover for fire fighting costs	Included (limit €216,154)
Management discount	Allowance where professional forester manages the woodlands
Aerial photography	Costs following insured loss to assist in assessment up to €2,500 (subject to loss adjuster approval)
Storm Cover	Up to 55 years
Full Management Felling Option	Now available for fire on larger properties – enquire for details
Compartments records catered for	Manage your costs by recording full species details

Check your Cover

As your woodlands gets older and perhaps more varied you need to carefully review the Specified Value which has been updated to reflect age and averaged timber price movement. The Specified Value is to compensate for the delay in timber sales arising from a fire or other insurable loss. It is not the market value; it does not address replanting costs. Reconstitution cover is separately available.

Reconstitution Cover (RC) (for crops up to twenty five years)

Reconstitution grants are no longer available for fire and wind damage and so we continue to offer Reconstitution (replanting) Cover [RC] as an option.

The Reconstitution Allowance (RA) is calculated by estimating a standard cost of reinstating woodland following fire or wind throw. The standard Allowance is set out on the Debit Note or attachment. This may not be adequate to cover replanting costs on some sites. You can, by agreement and acceptance of increases by insurers, vary the figure (up or down) for specific circumstances; the relevant RC premium will change pro-rata. The basis of settlement of a validated claim will be the lesser of costs (generally defined as costs acceptable to Forest Service for grant-aid) and RA; proceeds must be applied to replanting.

All premiums include a Government levy, currently 3%.

Explanatory notes have been prepared in good faith for your guidance and information and do not form part of the contract for insurance cover. Please refer to the Debit Note and Terms and Conditions.