

**AVAILABLE  
SPECIES:**

**Conifers**

Austrian Pine  
Colorado Blue Spruce  
Norway Spruce  
Ponderosa Pine  
Red Cedar

**Broadleaves**

Black Walnut  
Bur Oak  
Hackberry  
Red Oak  
Swamp White Oak

**Shrubs**

American Plum  
Chokecherry  
Cotoneaster  
Elderberry  
Lilacs  
Red Osier Dogwood  
Sand Cherry  
Skunkbush Sumac

Tree orders are subject to  
availability at the nursery.

Weed control and frequent  
watering are of vital importance  
in order to improve survivability.



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*This pamphlet was prepared by the  
Staff of Tri-Basin NRD. Any  
questions you may have will be  
answered by calling the NRCS office  
in your county or the Tri-Basin NRD  
office.*

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# 2023 Tree Planting & Wildlife Habitat Programs



  
*Tri  
Basin*  
*Natural Resources District*



### WHY PLANT A WINDBREAK?

Windbreaks planted along field boundaries reduce soil erosion by reducing wind velocity. Shelterbelts planted around farmsteads reduce heating costs in homes and shop buildings. Shelterbelts can protect livestock from blizzards and serve as "living snow fence". Trees and shrubs also provide food, shelter and nesting habitat for many species of birds and mammals.

### NRD TREE & SHRUB PLANTINGS

Contact the NRD Office or your county NRCS for help in determining the type and number of trees and shrubs you need. The technician will arrange the tree order and planting service. The NRD will plant the trees according to the plan.

Trees are planted in the spring as soon as conditions are suitable. The NRD tree planting crew will notify landowners as to the approximate date and time of the planting.

### PLANTING YOUR OWN TREES

You can order trees and shrubs at the NRD or your local NRCS Office. Orders must be in multiples of 25 per species. We will call you when your trees are available.

### TREES & SHRUBS:

\$1.00 each/multiples of 25

### PLANTING SERVICE:

Tree planting (no mulch) - \$.50/ft

**Trees, tree planting, mulch, and mulch laying—\$2.00/ft**

Drip tape .....\$.30/ft

Drip Tape Set-up .....Min \$35

Pull in Charge .....\$50

\*Renovations .....\$250.00

\*Shrub thickets .....\$300.00

**Minimum 750 foot per planting**

### PLASTIC MULCH:

Material Only ..... \$.38 per ft

Stakes ..... \$.15 each

Seedling Tubes.... \$.1.10 each

\*Prices are subject to change. Contact

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### SITE PREPARATION

Good site preparation is a key to rapid tree growth and survival. The best site preparation begins the year before the trees are planted. On heavier soils, working the ground to kill competing vegetation is an excellent method of preparing the site. The technician assisting in planning a windbreak or habitat plot can advise you about the type of site preparation needed. The technician can also help you determine if herbicide carryover will be a problem.

### WEED CONTROL

Weed control in the form of plastic mulch is available through the district. This woven material is installed over the trees after planting. Slots are then cut for the trees. Plastic mulch not only eliminates weeds but also helps to preserve soil moisture.

### DRIP TAPE

Tri-Basin has a subsurface drip tape available for watering trees planted by the District. The water source could be a portable tank or from a hydrant. Check with the TBNRD Land Resource Coordinator for more information.

### COST-SHARE

Tri-Basin NRD offers cost-share funds for tree plantings and plastic mulch installation. You should apply before March 1 at your county NRCS office.

All sites must be properly prepared before planting to qualify for cost-share. Reimbursement is made only after full payment is received. To be eligible for cost-share, plantings must be a minimum of 750 feet.

Cost-share may also be available from your county USDA office. Pheasants Forever and Nebraska Game & Parks Commission also offer programs for wildlife habitat improvement. NRCS staff can help you determine which programs have funds available and best suit your needs.

### BILLING ON NRD PLANTINGS

Tri-Basin NRD bills for trees/tree planting service after completion. Full payment is due upon receipt of the billing. Cost-share forms will not be finalized until payment is received at the Tri-Basin or NRCS office.

**Deadline for placing these orders is April 1, 2023.**

