

**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
to improve survivability.



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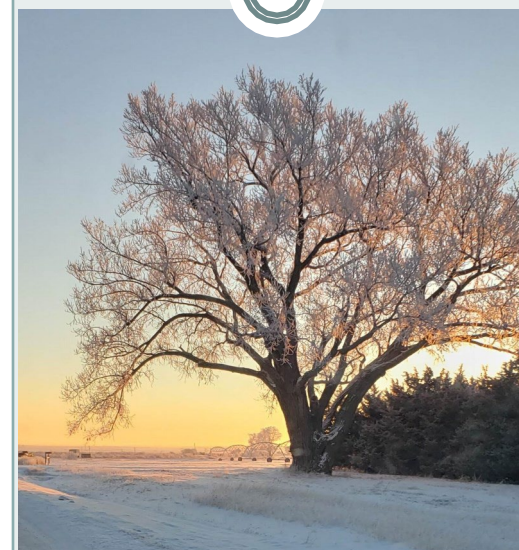
*The Staff of Tri-Basin NRD prepared this
pamphlet. We would be happy to answer
questions, or you may reach out to your
local NRCS office.*

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2026

**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) - \$.55/ft **Trees, tree planting, mulch, and mulch laying—\$2.25/ft**

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

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

Pull in Charge.....\$55

*Renovation\$275.00

*Shrub thicket\$330.00

Minimum 850 foot per planting

PLASTIC MULCH:

Material Only..... \$.45 per ft

Stakes..... \$.15 each

Seedling Tubes.... \$.150 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 cut for the trees to poke through. 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 850 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, 2026.

