



Tree Program



Financial Assistance

The following federal programs may be available to help reduce your windbreak expenses. The programs include financial assistance for site preparation, trees, planting, and in-row weed control.

[EQIP \(Environmental Quality Incentives Program\)](#)

Eligibility:

- Must be ag producer raising the value of \$1,000/year in ag commodity crops
- Applications are ranked by NRCS according to state and local resource concern criteria

Financial Assistance:

- Flat rate payment, varies year-to-year

[CCRP \(Continuous Conservation Reserve Program\)](#)

Eligibility:

- Must be in cropland with eligibility determined by FSA

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Contact us:

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Planning and Planting

Customized Tree Plan

Designs are developed from:

- Site visits
- Soil maps
- Landowner needs

Site Preparation

- Landowner starts in the fall prior to planting
- Work ground thoroughly as if planting a crop or garden

Planting Options

- Hand planted by landowner
- SWCD machine planted using District equipment and labor

General Spacing Guidelines

- Shrubs: 3' - 4'
- Medium Hardwoods: 6' - 10'
- Tall Hardwoods: 16' - 20'
- Conifers: 16' - 20'



WE OFFER A COMPLETE TREE PLANTING PACKAGE AND WILL WORK WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!



Services Offered

- Customized Tree Plans
- Planting Options
- Cost Estimates
- Maintenance Options
- Financial Assistance



Costs

Trees

- Conifers
 - Potted (12"-18") \$15.00
 - Sold individually
 - Bareroot (12"-18") \$60.00
 - Sold in bundles of 25
- Deciduous
 - Bareroot (18"-24") \$50.00
 - Sold in bundles of 25

Planting Costs

- Minimum charge \$500.00
- More than 500 trees \$1.00/tree

Weed Barrier Fabric (Matting)

- Installed by SWCD \$0.60/foot
- Purchased by Landowner \$0.30/foot

Tree Protector Tubes

- Tube \$4.00
- Stake \$2.00
- Charge per tube installed \$1.00
(District plantings only)

Out-Of-County Cost/Mile \$1.00

Payment Information

- Orders \$100 or less require payment in full at time of order.
- Orders over \$100 require a 50% down payment at time of order.
- If the total tree cost is \$500 or more, a 50% non-refundable down payment is required by November 15th.

All prices subject to change.

Maintenance Options

Weed Barrier Fabric (Matting)

Application

- Installed by SWCD with matting machine
- Applied shortly after the trees are planted

Benefits

- Weed control
- Moisture retention
- Temperature control
- Erosion reduction

Removal

- After 5-10 years, matting must be removed or holes cut larger to prevent girdling and death of trees

Tree Protector Tubes

Application

- Installed by landowner
- For SWCD-planted trees, tubes can be installed by SWCD
- Applied the first growing season
- Not recommended for shrubs or hybrid poplar

Benefits

- Tubes act as a mini-greenhouse, accelerating growth rate
- Reduces weed competition
- Protects trees from animals, pesticides, and mowers
- Reduces water loss

Removal

- Once tree is 12" taller than tube
- In the fall after leaf drop

Plantskydd Repellent is available for purchase at our office.