



2026 CONSERVATION TREE PROGRAM LEWIS AND CLARK NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



Each spring, the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) distributes tree seedlings and provides planting services for conservation purposes such as windbreaks, shelterbelts, and wildlife habitat. Orders are accepted from October 1st through March 31st. Planning assistance is available through local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices to prepare tree-planting plans that meet conservation needs.

TREE ORDERS – Order deadline is March 31, 2026 (**place orders early to ensure availability either at LCNRD or NRCS**)

AVAILABLE TREES, SHRUBS & PLANTS

Shrubs

- Buffaloberry
- Caragana
- Chokeberry, McKenzie
- Chokecherry
- Cotonaster, Peking
- Currant, Golden
- Dogwood, Redosier
- Elderberry
- Hazelnut
- Lilac, Common
- Lilac, Vilosa
- Plum, American
- Sand cherry
- Sumac, Skunkbush
- Serviceberry

Deciduous

- Black Walnut
- Black Cherry
- Catalpa
- Cottonwood
- Crabapple
- Hackberry
- Honeylocust
- Maple, Amur
- Maple, Silver
- Oak, Bur
- Oak, Red
- Oak, Swamp White
- Sycamore, American

Conifers

- Cedar, Eastern Red
- Pine, Jack
- Pine, Ponderosa
- Pine, Ponderosa (plugs)
- Pine, Southern White
- Spruce, Colorado Blue
- Spruce, Colorado Blue (plugs)
- Spruce, Black Hills
- Spruce, Black Hills (plugs)
- Spruce, Norway
- Douglals Fir



Other species may be available upon request. Some species may have For descriptions and pictures, go to:
https://www.nrdnet.org/sites/default/files/tree_booklet_2023_low_res.pdf



PRICING

Seedling Trees/Shrubs/Plants	\$35.00 per bundle	Includes 25 bare-root seedlings or plugs
Small Acreage Package	\$40.00 per package	3 Blue Spruce, 2 Bur Oak, 2 Hackberry, 5 Chokecherry, 5 American Plum, 3 Redosier Dogwood
NRD Tree Planting Charge	\$0.45 per linear foot	Minimum planting charge of \$350.00 \$4.00 per mile go back charge Tilling \$0.25 linear per foot
Weed Mats	\$3.50 each	4' x 4' mat with 5 (8 ") staples
Weed Barrier	\$225.00 per roll	500' x 6' roll
Staples	8 inch \$0.20 each	10 inch \$0.25 each
Coco rounds (24" dia.)	\$3.00 ea. / \$3.25 ea.	4 lightweight staples / 4 heavyweight staples
Coco squares (3'x3')	\$7.00 ea.	5 heavyweight staples

LCNRD MACHINE PLANTED TREE SEEDLINGS – April, LCNRD will inform landowners of the intended planting schedule for sites that will be planted through the NRD program. If ground is in sod, it must be fall prepared. Contact local NRCS for ground preparation needs to ensure the site is prepared properly. When installing weed barrier, tillage strips need to be a minimum of 8 feet wide for proper installation.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Windbreak design and cost share for windbreaks are available through your local NRCS. Cost share applications must be approved before beginning any work. Receipts will be required for all reimbursements. Site preparation is recommended to be completed in the fall before planting occurs. Landowners are responsible for site preparation including flagging, discing, roto tilling, ripping, and/or chiseling. If the site is in any kind of sod, roto tilling is required for planting.

Expect to pay for seedlings and weed barrier at the time a tree plan is drawn up. Tree planting services will be billed after the trees are planted. Weed barrier installation will be billed by private contractor. Rolls of weed barrier, weed mats and staples are available through LCNRD.

LCNRD will send a letter to inform all machine planting cooperators of the planting start date. The letter will be final notice to have the site prepared. There is a "Go Back Charge" if the site is not prepared of \$4.00/mile round trip.

If purchasing weed barrier, you will need to line up a **Weed Barrier Installer**. Minimum tillage strips **8 feet wide** are needed for installation.

- **Weed Barrier Only Services**
 - **Mike Kumm**, 87860 530 Ave, Winnetoon NE 68789, Ph. 402-394-1118
 - **Chris Schmidt**, 87930 Hwy 57, Hartington NE 68739, Ph. 402-841-3929 (Limited Availability)
- **Weed Barrier & Roto tilling Services**
 - **Brett Kleinschmit**, 116 Frontier Lane, Yankton SD 57078, Ph. 605-660-6566
- **Roto tilling Only Services**
 - **Scott Fischer**, 503 N. Robinson Ave, Hartington NE 68739, Ph. 402-254-6369 or 402-841-3277
 - **Jarod Mellem**, 89023 553 Ave, Crofton NE 68730, Ph. 402-358-0451
 - **LCNRD**, 608 N Robinson Ave, Hartington, NE 68739, Ph:402-254-6758 or lcnrd@hartel.net

CONTACT THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE IN ORDERING TREES AND DEVELOPING PLANS

- **Cedar Co. NRCS 402-254-6858 Ext. 3**
102 E Elm Street, Hartington, NE 68739
- **Dixon Co. NRCS 402-755-2955 Ext. 3**
105 E 4th Street, Ponca, NE 68710
- **Knox Co. NRCS 402-373-4914 Ext. 3**
111 N Washington St, Bloomfield, NE 68718

Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District, 608 N Robinson Ave, PO Box 518, Hartington NE 68739
Ph: 402-254-6758, Email: lcnrd@hartel.net, Website: lcnrd.nebraska.gov

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