

# Little Blue NRD

## 2020 Tree Program

### District Plants

1. Minimum order for a District Plant is 100 trees. All orders must be submitted to the Little Blue NRD office before **March 15th** of the planting spring. All District plant orders submitted after that cut-off date will not be accepted. Hand plant orders will be accepted until supply is eliminated.
2. Cost per tree is **\$1.25** plus sales tax, planting charge is **\$1.25** per tree plus sales tax. Minimum charge for a District Plant is **\$131.88 (5.5% sales tax)**; this will be charged even if we plant less than 100 trees. If we plant less than 100 trees no 'extras' will be left unless requested on the tree plan. Cost share will be lost if the planting does not have at least 100 trees.
3. Payment for the trees ordered is due when the tree plan is forwarded to the District's office. The District will bill for the planting charge and any adjustment for the number of trees planted upon completion of the project. If the NRCS estimates are not met and it is indicated that extras are wanted, we will leave the trees at a suitable on-site location or issue a refund or billing statement.
4. Sites must be adequately tilled to ensure proper planting conditions; the District doesn't recommend planting into sod. We do offer a roto-tilling service; however, it works best as a secondary tillage after fall plowing or heavy disking.
5. The District has a “No-Replacement Policy” on the loss of district or hand planted trees. In the event of a significant death loss, due to poor nursery stock or negligence on the District’s part, the District will determine if the trees should be replaced at a cost to the District or the nursery stock provider.

### Weed Barrier

1. Minimum application is 300 feet.
2. Cost of weed barrier is **\$0.75** per lineal foot plus sales tax. Installation charge is **\$0.75** per lineal foot plus sales tax. Minimum charge for a weed barrier application is **\$237.38 (5.5% sales tax)**; this will be charged even if we apply less than 300 feet.
3. Payment of 75%, of the total (material) weed barrier cost must be made when submitting a tree plan. The producer must sign an order acknowledging the estimated charges and that they will be charged for actual lineal feet installed. The installation fee will be paid upon completion of project. The signed, original weed barrier order must be sent along with the tree plan.
4. Sites with weed barrier must be adequately tilled to a width of 10 feet. This is a necessity to ensure proper application of barrier. Weed Barrier will not be laid on curves or side hills unless prior approval is obtained by the Little Blue NRD.

## **Hand plants**

1. Trees may be ordered for any number of any species. Cost is **\$1.25** per tree plus sales tax, and a **\$2.00** wrapping/handling fee plus sales tax per order. The handling fee does not apply to a District Plant that requests extra trees left after planting.
2. Payment is to be received at the time the order is placed. Until payment is received the trees may not be picked up.
3. Please designate on the order form if the hand plants are to be picked up at the NRD office, the county NRCS office, or other arrangements. The trees will be delivered to the NRCS office in the county designated on the order form.
4. There will be no cancellations of hand plant orders.

## **Replacement Policy**

1. **The District has no replacement policy on the loss of district or hand planted trees.**  
In the event of a significant death loss, the district will determine if the loss was due to poor nursery stock, negligence on the District's part, poor site conditions, neglect by the customer and/or other factors.  
Only if losses are determined to be poor nursery stock or negligence on the part of the district, the District will negotiate a settlement or replacement plan on a case- by-case basis.

## **Site Preparation for Tree Planting**

1. **Please follow Site Preparation recommendations in “Site Preparation brochure” to assure best planting conditions.**
2. **The Little Blue NRD will have the right to reject any unsuitable ground preparations and will not plant until conditions are suitable.**