

**Little Blue NRD Tree Program
2020
Producer's Tree Planting Agreement**

Proper Site Preparation is the single most important factor affecting tree survivability. Secondly, proper care and maintenance needs to be implemented (i.e., watering, cultivation, etc.).

Sites with growing perennial vegetation, highly compacted areas and sites where trees have been removed must be tilled by November 15th and again in the spring before tree planting. Check with the planting plan for the proper width needed for the tilled strips.

Sites should be tilled until the soil is in garden- like condition to a depth of 6" to 8". Any obstructions should be removed to a depth of approximately 24".

For Machine Planted Sites

- 1) Tree plans may not be modified without NRCS authorization. (Major change, depleting or adding of rows unless indicated on the tree planting plan.)
- 2) The tree planter operates at a depth of approximately 18". (Please no hard pans at this depth).
- 3) If extra trees remain after the tree site is planted, the extra trees will be left at the producers designated site if indicated on the planting plan.
- 4) Underground and over head utilities must be noted on planting plan. A Nebraska One Call will be made by the District.

Cooperators are encouraged to limit weed competition in their trees by mechanical, chemical or conservation mulch applications. Consult the "Cooperative Extension Service Guide for Herbicide Use in Nebraska" for rates and labeled species, if chemicals are to be used. Chemical weed control alone is usually not sufficient.

- 1) Water Conservation Mulch may be applied after trees are planted.
- 2) Mechanical weed control may be used prior to and after trees are planted.

The cutoff date for machine plant tree orders is **March 15th**. There is no cutoff date for hand plant tree orders and the ending cutoff for cost share application is June 12th.

- **The LBNRD makes no guarantees, implied or expressed, for tree and shrub survival. If the District is compensated for poor stick quality by the nursery, producers will be compensated at the same rate.**
- After trees have been ordered and paid for, the trees are the property of the producer. Cooperators are encouraged to water trees immediately after planting. Occasional watering should be continued when soil conditions are dry.

These items concerning the Little Blue NRD Tree Planting Program have been made available to me to read and question before the trees and shrubs were ordered and paid for. I understand that there are no guarantees associated with the planting of the trees. I understand that the NRD cannot buy back the trees. However, I am aware that I may sell the trees to any willing buyer.

Producers Signature

Date