Little Blue NRD Tree Program
2027 Producer's Tree Planting Agreement

Proper Site Preparation is the single most crucial factor affecting tree survivability. Secondly, adequate care and maintenance must be implemented (i.e., watering, cultivation, etc.).

Sites with growing perennial vegetation, highly compacted areas, and places 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.

The producer should till 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".

- **If the producer does not adequately prepare the site, the trees will be left at the planting site.**
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For Machine Planted Sites

1) The Producer may not modify the tree plans 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 leftover trees will be left at the producer's designated site if indicated on the planting plan.
4) Underground and overhead utilities must be noted on the planting plan. The District will make a Nebraska One Call.

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 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 before and after trees are planted.

After 3-4 years, the producer should cut back the weed barrier to prevent girdling.

The cutoff date for machine plant tree orders is **March 15th**. The cutoff date for hand plant tree orders is March 15th (but we will sell inventory until it is gone) and the ending cutoff for the cost-share application is June 12th.

- **The LBNRD makes no guarantees, implied or expressed, for tree and shrub survival.**
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- After trees have been ordered and paid for, the trees are the producer's property. Cooperators are encouraged to water trees immediately after planting AND continue to water frequently when soils are dry.

These items concerning the Little Blue NRD Tree Planting Program have been made available 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 trees. I understand that the NRD cannot buy back the trees. I am aware that I may sell the trees to any willing buyer.

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Producers Signature Date