Little Blue NRD
2027 Tree Program Policy

District Plants

1. The 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. The District will accept hand plant orders until the supply is eliminated.

2. The cost per tree is $1.25 plus sales tax, planting charge is $1.25 per tree plus sales tax. The minimum amount 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. Trees must be ordered in multiples of 25.

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 indicate 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 the sod. *We offer a roto-tilling service;* however, it works best as secondary tillage after fall plowing or heavy disking. If the site is not adequately prepared, the trees will be left at the planting site and not planted by the District.

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. Cost of the weed barrier fabric is $0.58 per foot plus sales tax.

2. Cost of fabric Staples is $0.25 per staple plus sales tax.

3. The District does not install the weed barrier.

Hand plants

1. Trees may be ordered for any number of species. Each tree species must be ordered in multiples of 25. The 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 when the order is placed. The trees may be picked up once payment is received.

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, 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 the "Site Preparation brochure" to ensure the best planting conditions.**

2. **The Little Blue NRD will have the right to reject any unsuitable ground preparations and leave the trees at the tree site and not continue planting.**