



NORTH PLATTE
Natural Resources District

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Order now for 2012 Conservation Trees

The North Platte NRD is now taking orders for 2012 conservation trees. Landowners are encouraged to place their orders as soon as possible. Trees are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The NPNRD has 26 varieties of two-year-old bare-root conifer and deciduous trees and shrubs and six varieties of potted trees available. Bare-root trees are sold in bundles of 50 for 85 cents each and potted stock is sold in multiples of 30 for \$1.75 each, except for Red Cedar which are sold in multiples of 50. All NRD trees and shrubs are available for conservation purposes only. The district does not sell trees for landscaping purposes.

Cost share assistance for tree planting is available. Cost-share minimum is 350 trees and minimum cost-share amount for tree purchases/planting is \$350.

The NPNRD also offers landowners several services to help get conservation trees established and improve survival rates. These include machine tree planting at 85 cents per tree or hand planting at \$1.25 per tree, with a minimum charge of \$255. Chemical weed control is available for 25 cents per tree.

Tree program coordinators Roy Lyles and Craig Uhrig are available free of charge to help with tree row planning, site preparation and cost-share applications and consultation for windbreak design, soil conditions and tree variety selection.

“We can go out, as a service, and take measurements and help with site selections,” Lyles said. “We can make recommendations for site selections as far as soil types, conditions and slope. We don’t charge extra, that’s included in our planting fee.”

Last year the district sold 134,380 conservation trees.

Trees ordered through the NRD are shipped from the nursery and stored at the district’s tree coolers until planting time, which begins approximately April 1. Customers can either pick up the trees themselves and plant them, or take advantage of the NRDs tree planting services.

For more information on trees, go to www.nrdtrees.org. Tree order and tree planting/spraying request forms and the NRD Tree Planting brochure are available at the NPNRD office at 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff or can be viewed at and printed from our website <http://www.npnrd.org/trees.htm> and mailed in. Call the district office at (308) 632-2749 or your USDA-NRCS office in Scottsbluff, Bridgeport or Oshkosh for more information.