



2026 TREE PROGRAM



LOWER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



Watershed Capital of Nebraska

**"Protecting Lives, Protecting Property,
Protecting The Future"**

Lower Big Blue NRD

805 DORSEY STREET

BEATRICE, NE 68310

402-228-3402

www.lbbnrd.net

ORDERING TREES

Trees may be ordered by contacting any of the NRCS offices or the Lower Big Blue NRD office. Tree orders will be taken from November 1, 2025 through March 1, 2026. Orders MUST be in multiples of 25 per species. Delivery date starts in mid-April, depending on the type of weather in the spring. Species available include but subject to change by spring are:

EVERGREENS

Colorado Blue Spruce	Red Cedar
Norway Spruce	Eastern White Pine
Jack Pine	Ponderosa Pine

DECIDUOUS TREES

American Linden	Black Walnut
Bur Oak	Catalpa
Common Persimmon	Cottonwood (Seedless)
Crabapple	Eastern Red Bud
Hackberry	Hazelnut
Red Maple	River Birch Red Oak
Shagbark Hickory	Silver Maple
Sugar Maple	Swamp White Oak

SHRUBS

American Plum	Buffaloberry
Caragana	Chokecherry
Cotoneaster	Elderberry
Golden Currant	Hardy Apricot
Lilac (Common)	Redosier Dogwood
Sandcherry	Serviceberry
Skunkbush Sumac	

COST OF TREES

\$1.50 per tree with a minimum of 25 per species. There will be extra charges for special orders. Payment in full when ordering. Hand plant orders will be charged an additional \$2.20 for packaging and handling.

PLANTING SERVICE

Contact your local NRCS office or the Lower Big Blue NRD office to make arrangements to plan your windbreak. A technician will suggest the type of trees suited to your soil type. A plan will be drawn up to meet your needs. The Lower Big Blue NRD will plant the trees with a minimum order of 100 trees. Full payment will be due for trees, tree protectors, and weed barriers when placing an order.

Trees are planted as soon as the ground conditions are suitable in the spring.

FLAGGING

A technician will flag the windbreak before machine planting trees. If flags are removed by the landowner for site preparation, they must be replaced in the same location before tree planting will be done.

COST FOR TREE PLANTING SERVICE

The cost of tree planting is \$1.50 per tree minimum 100 trees.

ACCESSORIES

Weed Barrier Squares:	\$1.50 each
3'x3' square & five 9-gauge pins	
Mesh Tree Protectors:	\$1.00 each
18" high, evergreen protector, bamboo stake	

SITE PREPARATION

Good site preparation is a key to tree growth and survival. The best site preparation begins the year before the trees are planted. The technician assisting in planning the windbreak can advise you of the type of site preparation needed.

COST OF SITE PREPARATION

The Lower Big Blue NRD has a tractor mounted tiller to help with site preparation. The cost of site preparation is \$30.00/tractor hour, with a minimum charge of \$60.00. **A \$50.00 RETURN CHARGE will be assessed to customers/producers who do not have the ground prepared prior to the arrival of the planting crew.**

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Payment by cash, check or credit card for trees is required at time of placing order. Payment may be made out to LBBNRD at your NRCS office or at the Lower Big Blue NRD office.

OFFICES

Lower Big Blue NRD	402-228-3402
NRCS – Beatrice	402-223-3125
NRCS – Wilber	402-821-3292
NRCS – Fairbury	402-729-6134