Most Deciduous trees and shrubs cost $1.50 each, are 1-3’ tall and listed below:

Deciduous Trees
- Native Cottonwood
- Norway Poplar
- Bur Oak
- Silver Maple
- Princeton Elm
- American Linden
- Laurel Willow
- Flame Willow
- Flowering Crab
- Chokecherry

Most bare root evergreens cost $1.60 each, sizes are 8-16” and are listed below:

Evergreens
- Black Hills Spruce
- Colorado Spruce
- White Cedar
- Red Cedar
- White Pine
- Norway Pine

Potted evergreens are also available. Species, sizes, and prices can vary. Other tree species may be available upon request.

Machine planting is $.55/tree with a minimum charge of $200.

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Tree Planting and Weed Control Services

Provided by the Norman County SWCD
The Norman County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) annually makes available trees of different species to county landowners. These trees are provided for conservation and erosion control purposes. We offer a wide variety of bare root trees, shrubs, evergreens and potted evergreens. This program was started to promote conservation and to help create a more beautiful environment. Many of the county's shelterbelts, farmstead and field windbreaks, wildlife habitat, and re-forestation projects have been installed as a result of the SWCD tree program.

Here's how the tree program works:

The program begins the year before tree planting with ground preparation. The planting site must be kept fallowed, or be clean cropland, as we will only plant on cultivated ground. The district has their own tractor and tree planter for planting trees. **We offer this service for $.55/tree, with a minimum charge of $200.**

- We order the trees in the fall and winter, before planting season. A 50% deposit on your total bill is required.
- We plant the trees in the month of May, and provide a service to install fabric for weed control.
- Cost share assistance can be applied for at the Norman County SWCD and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Ada.

Weed Control

The primary reason for early shelterbelt or windbreak failures is the lack of weed control, which results in poor growth and dead trees. Weed control should begin the year prior to planting and continue until the lower branches of the trees close in and shade out weeds and grasses. Good weed control involves a combination of the **Tree Matting Machine and the Tiller (between the row cultivation).**

Tree Matting Machine

The SWCD has a Tree Matting Machine that applies a fabric over the tree row. The fabric increases your tree survivability by holding the moisture and reducing weed competition. This will also greatly increase your tree growth rate by eliminating the sod competition. The fabric also reduces your maintenance time by lessening the tillage and giving you the option of mowing along the fabric. **The SWCD offers this service for $.70/ft, with a minimum charge of $200.** Cost share assistance can be applied for through the SWCD office or the FSA office in Ada.

Tiller (between the row cultivation)

Frequent and timely cultivation during the growing season is just as necessary in establishing a new shelterbelt or windbreak as it is in growing any row crop. Trees, as well as row crops, simply cannot compete with weeds and grasses. You should cultivate periodically to keep weeds under control.

The SWCD provides this service with a tractor and 7 foot tiller, which cleans the weeds on either side of the tree row and between tree rows, eliminating weeds along the trees. **This service comes with tractor and operator at a rate of $.05/ft, with a minimum charge of $200.** Cultivation should be done at least 2 to 3 times per growing season. Cost share assistance can be applied for through the SWCD office or the FSA office in Ada.

Call our office today at 584-5169 to find out how our cost share program can help reduce your cost.