Brown County Conservation District

FALL 2026

NEWSLETTER



2026 Tree and Fabric Crew

BCCD had an excellent crew this year. We were blessed to have Rusty, Chan, Trinity, Cael, Bryan and Jerimiah (not pictured).

2026 Resource Conservation Speech Winner



This spring, Brown County's very own Elizabeth won the local, area and came in second place at the state level. Congratulations Elizabeth!

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WE ARE HIRING!

DISTRICT CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

This is a full-time position!

Closes November 10th, 2026

Stop in to pick up an application





QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Driver's License
- Broad knowledge of agriculture and resource conservation
- Operating knowledge of tractors, drills, and batwing mower
- General Computer Skills

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for equipment maintenance and general repairs.
- Work with NRCS personnel to plan and implement conservation practices.
- All aspects of tree planting and fabric installation.
- Other responsibilities as assigned.

BENEFITS

- Paid Time Off
- Holiday Pay
- Overtime Pay
- Competitive Salary
- Retirement & Other Benefits Offered

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2026 Tree Season Facts

Tree Sites: 22

- Trees Planted: 121,317 feet (22.9 miles)

Fabric Sites: 24

- Fabric Laid: 124,942 feet (23.7 miles)

Tube Sites: 12

- Tubes Used: 1688

- Over 12,000 hand plant trees and shrubs purchased

Why Should I Plant Trees?

Environmental & Health:

- Cleaner Air
- Carbon Storage
- Prevent Soil Erosion
- Better Water Control
- Habitat for Wildlife
- Green Space to Relax & Lower Stress

Lower Energy Bills:

- Summer Shade
- Winter Windbreak

Property:

- Curb Appeal
- Increased Property Value
- Noise Reduction

Are you considering having trees planted?

If you plan to plant trees in 2027, do not hesitate to contact the district or stop by the BCCD office in Aberdeen for more information.





Fall Tree Site Prep

To prepare for the spring 2027 machine planting of trees, start the site prep this fall. Make sure rows are tilled to at least 8 feet wide and 12 inches deep. If planting trees into previously unbroken ground, the soil will have to be worked multiple times this fall. The site will need to be tilled again in the spring.

Youth Opportunity

2027 Resource Conservation Speech Contest

The topic for 2027 is “Soil. Where it all begins.” The contest is open to any South Dakota student in grades 9-12. The 2027 speech contest offers $2500 in scholarship prizes at the state level. The local contest will be held at the end of February.
https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Conservation/ResourceConservationSpeech/docs/2027/2027%20Speech-Brochure.pdf



2027 Hand Plant Order Form

Prices Subject to Change

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This is a sample of what we can offer. If you do not see what you are looking for, please contact our office.

Shrubs (3'-6' spacing) (25 per Same Species Bundle)	QTY	$3.25 ea or $75/ Bundle
Aronia, Black		
Buffaloberry		
Caragana		
Cherry, Nanking		
Chokecherry, Common		
Chokecherry, Schubert		
Cranberry, American Highbush		
Cranberrybush		
Currant, Golden		
Dogwood, Redosier		
Elderberry, Common		
Hazelnut, American		
Honeysuckle, Freedom		
Indigo, False		
Juneberry / Serviceberry		
Lilac, Common		
Nannyberry		
Plum, American		
Plum, Prairie Red		
Sumac, Smooth		
Willow, Flame		
Willow, Sandbar		

Small to Midsize (6'-12' spacing) (25 per Same Species Bundle)	QTY	$3.25 ea or $75/ Bundle
Apricot		
Chokecherry, Amur		
Crabapple, Midwest (White)		
Crabapple, Red Splendor (Pink)		
Crabapple, Siberian (White)		
Hawthorn, Homestead		
Maple, Amur		
Mulberry		
Olive, Russian		
Pear, McDermand		
Willow, Laurel Leaf		

Tall Trees (8'-12' Spacing) (25 per Same Species Bundle)	QTY	$3.25 ea or $75/ Bundle
Aspen, Quaking		
Birch, River		
Box Elder		
Buckeye, Ohio		
Cherry, Black		
Cottonwood, Native		
Cottonwood, Siouxland (Cottonless)		
Elm, Siberian		
Hackberry		
Honeylocust, Thornless		
Kentucky Coffee		
Linden, American		
Linden, Little Leaf		
Maple, Silver		
Oak, Bur		
Oak, Red		
Oak, Swamp White		
Walnut, Black		
Willow, Golden		

Specialty Fruit/Yard Trees	QTY	$50 ea
Apple, Cortland		
Apple, Honeycrisp		
Apple, Prairie Magic		
Peach, Contender		
Pear, Parker		
Pear, Patten		
Pear, Summercrisp		
Plum, Mount Royal		
Plum, Pembina		
Plum, Superior		
Elm, Prairie Expedition		
Elm, Princeton American		
Linden, Frontyard		
Linden, Redmond		
Maple, Autumn Blaze		
Maple, Deborah		
Willow, Niobe Weeping		

Conifers (6' -18' Spacing) (Mature Height 20' - 60') (25 per Same Species Bundle)	Tree HT	QTY	$3.50 ea or $80/ Bundle
Cedar, Eastern Red	8-15"		
Juniper, Rocky Mountain	8-15"		
Pine, Ponderosa	6-15"		
Spruce, Black Hills	6-12"		
Spruce, Colorado Blue	6-12"		
Larch, Siberian - **Plugs** $3.75 ea	8-12"		
Potted Conifers			
Cedar, Eastern Red - 1 Gal	15"-18"		$25.00
Larch, Siberian - 1 Gal	15"-18"		$25.00
Pine, Ponderosa - 1 Gal	15"-24"		$25.00
Pine, Ponderosa - 3 Gal	24"-36"		$35.00
Spruce, Black Hills - 1 Gal	10"-15"		$25.00
Spruce, Black Hills - 3 Gal	15"-22"		$35.00
Spruce, Colorado Blue - 1 Gal	10"-18"		$25.00
Spruce, Colorado Blue - 3 Gal	18"-24"		$35.00
Spruce, Meyer - 1 Gal	8"-14"		$25.00
Spruce, Meyer - 3 Gal	15"-22"		$35.00

2-5' BAREROOT	Tree HT	QTY	Price per Tree
Aspen, Quaking TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Birch, Whitespire TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Cherry, Canadian Red TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Cottonwood, Native TALL	3-4'		$7.50
Cottonwood, Siouxland TALL	3-4'		$7.50
Crabapple, Red Splendor TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Dogwood, Redosier TALL	3-4'		$7.50
Lilac, Villosa TALL (Late Bloom)	2-3'		$7.50
Linden, American TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Linden, Little Leaf TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Maple, Amur TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Maple, Silver TALL	3-4'		$7.50
Oak, Bur TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Oak, Red TALL	2-3'		$7.50
Willow, Golden TALL	2-3'		$7.50

Fabric Staples			Quantity	Total:
8x2 8 ga	$0.25 / ea	$100/box		
Weed Barrier Fabric			**Quantity**	**Total:**
3'x300'	$0.32 / foot	$80/Roll		
4'x300'	$0.42 / foot	$110/Roll		
6'x500'	$0.43 / foot	$200/Roll		
Tree Protector Tubes			**Quantity**	**Total:**
5' Tube		$5 / ea		
6' Tube Stake		$5 / ea		

Office Use Only

Notification Date:

Pick -Up Date:

Sub Total: _____

Tax (6.2%): _____

Total: _____

Cash: **Check:**

Deposit: **Deposit:**

****All Orders Over $100 Require a Deposit of 50%****

***We will notify you when your order is ready for pick-up. *The order needs to be picked up within 10 days of notification, or the stock will then be available for others to purchase. *Payment is due at the time of pick-up. *Check & cash only!**

*****Tree Stock and Pricing are not Guaranteed by the District for 2027*****

2027 Services

- **Full-Service Machine Planting of Shelterbelts/Windbreaks**
  - $0.65 per linear ft
  - $800 min
- **Machine-Laid Weed Barrier Fabric**
  - $0.95 per linear ft
  - $800 min
- **Tree Protector Tube System**
  - $10 per system (tube, stakes, ties)
  - $13 per system installed
- **Seed Sales**
- **Full-Service Seeding**
  - $35/ac for CRP
  - $35/ac for Custom
  - $40/ac for WRP
  - $500 min
  - $100 Delivery
  - $50 site charge (for sites > 10 miles apart)
    - Out-of-County Seeding Available
- **15 Foot JD Rental Drill**
  - $15/ac
  - $150 min
  - $100 Delivery
- **Full-Service Mowing/Clipping**
  - $175/hr for first 10 hours
  - $125/hr for each additional hr
  - $175 min
  - $200 Delivery

New! 2027 Native Plant Kits

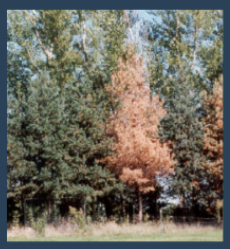
New for 2027, native plant kits!
For $90 each kit comes in a tray and includes 36 plants: 6 plants of 6 different species. The kit covers a 40-60 square foot area. These are pre-order only.

Backyard Prairie Kit: An attractive mix of native prairie species for your backyard. Grows well in dry to mesic soils and full sunlight. Heights ranging 36" and up.
Monarch Special Kit: Your backyard can be turned into a Monarch sanctuary.
Part-Shade Garden Kit: Designed for areas with limited direct sunlight.
Rain Garden Kit: Perfect for areas of concentrated runoff and occasional inundation.
Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Kit: Flowering species in all of the bloom seasons.
Shoreline Stabilization Kit: Protect and beautify your shoreline.
Short & Tidy Kit: Compact prairie flowers perfect for any flowerbed.
Short Prairie Grass Kit: Attractive prairie grasses that won't grow too tall.
Songbird Special Kit: Create a backyard haven for songbirds of all types.
Tall Prairie Grass Kit: Tall, lush, native prairie grasses.
Woodland Edge Kit: Create a natural buffer between a yard & wooded areas.
Custom Kit: Contact our office to design your own kit.



Fall is a great time to take a walk through tree sites that are a couple of years old. Weed barrier fabric should be checked and cut to give proper space for the trees and shrubs to continue to grow. Tree protector tubes should be removed when the tree trunk fills the tube.





Remove Pines That Died of Pine Wilt

Dr. John Ball

This fatal disease of exotic pines is caused by the pinewood nematode (Bursapelenchus xylophilus) and its associates. The nematode and bluestain fungi, both carried to a new host on sawyer beetles, kill a tree usually within a year of infection. The now dead trees are easy to spot. The needles are discolored, dry, and falling from the brittle twigs. The branches and trunk wood are dry, free of sap, and lightweight. The branch and trunk wood is also filled with pine sawyer beetles (Monochamus). Come spring, the adult beetles will emerge and carry with them thousands of nematodes and the bluestain fungi.

The sawyer beetles carry the nematode and fungi to healthy pines, which start the infection. The way to break the cycle is to destroy the wood (along with the beetles and nematodes) before next April 1. This will only slow the spread, as sawyer beetles can fly from distance dead hosts.

The wood interior was blue with the bluestain fungi. We also found the dying trees were infested with the pine engraver beetles this past summer and fall. The small bb-sized emergence holes peppered the bark. The network of pine beetle galleries was laced through the wood. This bark beetle does not transmit the nematode.



Rake or Not Rake?

Dr. John Ball

The argument in many neighborhoods is whether to leave the leaves on the lawns or rake them up. If there are only small, scattered patches of dried leaves on the lawn, these can just be mowed. The lawn mower will break these down into small particles that decompose quickly. This returns elements to the soil and improves soil health.

If leaves cover more than about one-fifth of the lawn, or cover the entire lawn, it is best to rake them up. The thick layer of leaves can block sunlight and air, resulting in yellow, molding turf come spring. This is especially a problem with leaves that mat, such as maples. With leaves that dry out quickly and break into smaller pieces, such as oaks, it is less of a concern.

What you're seeing matters! Created by the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, this local resource concern survey offers landowners, producers, and community members an opportunity to share conservation concerns, successes, and observations from their area. Once that information is collected, it is sent to local conservation districts and that will steer efforts and action items of the local working group. Please take a moment to share your observations. Your input helps guide conservation work in your area.



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