



FALL NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Dormant Grass Seeding

Dormant grass seeding can begin November 1st, on new or renewal CRP contracts (with a prior contract start date). The soil temperature must be 40°F or lower at 10 AM to begin planting. Grass seed for CRP and other seed needs are available for purchase through the BCCD.



Brown County Conservation Speech Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to Eve and Amna, winners of the Brown County Conservation Speech Contest. Each student delivered a compelling five-minute speech on the theme "Let Your Natural Resources Teach You Their Lessons."

Amna advanced to the state-level competition, where she earned an impressive second place finish.



Thank you for 2025!

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our 2025 customers for another successful year. Your continued support and dedication to the care of your tree and grass plantings are truly appreciated.

We look forward to working with you again in 2026!



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Planning for 2026 Tree Planting is Underway

Are you considering planting trees next spring? Now is the time to start planning. Contact our office for assistance in developing a customized tree planting plan.

If you already have tree planting scheduled for spring, please ensure your machine plant sites are properly prepared. For optimal results, all sites should be tilled in both the fall and the spring—tilled to a depth of 8 to 12 inches and a width of 8 feet.

Proper site preparation is key to successful tree establishment!



2025 Tree Planting Crew



Rusty, Trinity & Cael

Not pictured: David & Lori



Rusty, Cael, Trinity, Asher, Gabe, Charley & Bryan

2025 Year to Date By the Numbers

- 92,173 feet/17.46 miles of trees planted
- 87,366 feet/16.55 miles of weed barrier fabric laid
- 901 tree protector tubes installed
- 272 rental drill acres
- 1114 FS Seeding acres

The Importance of Weed Control

Effective weed control is crucial for the success and longevity of shelterbelts. Weeds compete with trees and shrubs for water, sunlight, and nutrients. These resources are especially critical in new plantings and arid areas. Without proper management, weeds can hinder the growth and survival of shelterbelts.

Controlling weeds also prevents invasive species from spreading into nearby fields. This protects both the shelterbelt and the surrounding land. Effective weed control maintains the shelterbelts' effectiveness and longevity.



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2026 Hand Plant Order Form
Prices Subject to Change

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Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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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	Tall Trees (8'-12' Spacing) (25 per Same Species Bundle)	QTY	\$3.25 ea or \$75/ Bundle	Conifers (6'-18' Spacing) (Mature Height 20' - 60') per Same Species Bundle)	(25	Tree HT	QTY	\$3.50 ea or \$80/ Bundle
Almond, Russian			Aspen, Quaking			Cedar, Eastern Red		8-15"		
Aronia, Black			Birch, River			Juniper, Rocky Mountain (Silver Cedar)		8-15"		
Buffaloberry			Cherry, Black			Pine, Ponderosa		6-15"		
Caragana			Cottonwood, Native			Spruce, Black Hills		6-12"		
Cherry, Nanking			Cottonwood, Siouxland (Cottonless)			Spruce, Colorado Blue		6-12"		
Chokecherry, Common			Hackberry			Larch, Siberian - Plugs		8-12"		\$3.75 ea
Chokecherry, Schubert			Hawthorn, Homestead			Potted Conifers				
Cranberry, American Highbush			Honeylocust, Thornless			Cedar, Eastern Red - 1 Gal		15-18"		\$25.00
Cranberrybush			Kentucky Coffee			Pine, Ponderosa - 1 Gal		15-18"		\$25.00
Currant, Golden			Linden, American			Pine, Ponderosa - 3 Gal		24-30"		\$35.00
Dogwood, Redosier			Linden, Little Leaf			Spruce, Black Hills - 1 Gal		15-18"		\$25.00
Elderberry, Common			Maple, Silver			Spruce, Black Hills - 3 Gal		24-30"		\$35.00
Hazelnut, American			Oak, Bur			Spruce, Colorado Blue - 1 Gal		15-18"		\$25.00
Indigo, False			Oak, Swamp White			Spruce, Colorado Blue - 3 Gal		24-30"		\$35.00
Lilac, Common			Oak, Red			Spruce, Meyer - 3 Gal		24-30"		\$35.00
Nannyberry			Poplar, White							
Plum, American			Walnut, Black			2-5' BAREROOT		Tree HT	QTY	Price per Tree
Sumac, Smooth			Willow, Golden			Aspen, Quaking TALL		2-3'		\$7.50
Willow, Flame			Willow, Laurel Leaf			Birch, Whitespire TALL		2-3'		\$7.50
Willow, Sandbar			Specialty Fruit/Yard Trees	QTY	\$50 ea	Cottonwood, Native TALL		3-4'		\$7.50
Small to Midsized (6'-12' Spacing) (25 per Same Species Bundle)	QTY	\$3.25 ea or \$75/ Bundle	Apple, Frostbite			Cottonwood, Siouxland TALL		3-5'		\$7.50
			Apple, Honeycrisp			Crabapple, Red Splendor TALL		2-3'		\$7.50
Apricot			Apple, SnowSweet			Dogwood, Redosier TALL		3-4'		\$7.50
Buckeye, Ohio			Apple, Sweet Sixteen			Linden, American TALL		3-4'		\$7.50
Chokecherry, Amur			Cherry, Evans Bali			Linden, Little Leaf TALL		3'+		\$7.50
Crabapple, Midwest			Pear, Golden Spice			Maple, Amur TALL		3'+		\$7.50
Crabapple, Red Splendor			Pear, Luscious			Maple, Silver TALL		3-4'		\$7.50
Crabapple, Siberian			Pear, Summercrisp			Oak, Bur TALL		2-3'		\$7.50
Honeysuckle, Freedom			Plum, Black Ice							
Maple, Amur			Plum, Superior							
Olive, Russian			Plum, Waneta			Fabric Staples				
Pear, McDermand						8x2 8 ga		\$0.25/ea		\$100/bx
Plum, Prairie Red			Crabapple, Red Splendor 5'			Weed Barrier Fabric				Per Roll
Office Use Only	Elm, Princeton, American					3'x300'		\$0.32/foot		\$80.00
Notification Date:	Linden, Redmond					4'x300'		\$0.42/foot		\$110.00
Pick-Up Date:	Maple, Brandywine					6'x500'		\$0.43/foot		\$200.00
Sub Total:	Maple, Celebration					Tree Protector Tubes				
Tax (6.2%):	Maple, Deborah					5' Tube				\$5.00
Total:	Maple, Red					6' Tube Stake				\$5.00
Cash: Check Number:	Oak, Scarlet									

****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 2026



South Dakota

Soil Health Coalition

2026 Soil Health Conference

The South Dakota Soil Health Coalition is pleased to announce the return of its annual Soil Health Conference, scheduled for **January 13-15, 2026**, at the **Best Western Event Center in Aberdeen**.

Featured speakers include:

- Jay Fuhrer, conservationist at Menoken Farm and retired NRCS soil health specialist
- Dr. Lee Briese, North Dakota crop consultant specializing in regenerative agriculture
- Blake Vince, fifth-generation Ontario farmer and soil health advocate
- Dr. Randy Jackson, professor of grassland ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and director of the Grassland 2.0 project

Whether you manage row crops, grazing lands, or a backyard garden, this event offers valuable insights into building healthier soil for greater productivity, profitability, and resilience.



For details or to register, visit www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org/soil-health-conference or scan the code.

Fall Prep for Spring Tree Planting

Preparing your trees in the fall sets them up for success in the spring. Focus on these key steps:

- Clear Dead or Diseased Plants: Remove plants that won't return to prevent pests and disease from spreading.
- Compost Wisely: Add spent plants to compost to enrich soil for future trees.
- Save Seeds: Dry and label seeds, storing them in a cool, dry place.
- Start a Compost Pile: Layer garden trimmings with leaves or straw to build nutrient-rich compost.
- Prepare Planting Sites: Clear the area of grass and debris, dig holes, and keep the soil moist.

With these simple steps, you'll be ready to plant healthy, thriving trees come spring.



Leaf Spot/Defoliation on Lilac Windbreaks

John Ball, Professor, SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist & South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Forest Health Specialist

Leaf spot diseases, pseudocercospora and septoria among others, on lilacs are causing concern in eastern South Dakota. These leaf spot diseases begin as brown spots starting at the margins and progressing to blotches and eventually defoliation. These diseases require warm, humid conditions to flourish, and it has been wet and humid this year. These leaf spot diseases are not a threat to otherwise healthy shrubs. Lilacs can withstand a year of defoliation, so no control is always necessary. If the lilacs were affected last year and again this year, a fungicide application of Chlorothalonil (labeled for this use) can be made just as the leaves are opening next spring to reduce the severity of the disease.

Services for 2026

- Full Service Machine Planting of Shelterbelts/Windbreaks
 - \$0.65 per linear foot
 - \$800 minimum
- Machine Laid Fabric for Weed Control
 - \$0.95 per linear foot
 - \$800 minimum
- Tree Protector Tube System
 - \$10 per system (tube, stake, ties)
 - \$13 per system installed
- Seed Sales



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- Full Service Seeding
 - \$35/ac for CRP
 - \$35/ac for Custom
 - \$40/ac for WRP
 - \$500 minimum
 - \$100 delivery
- \$50 Site charge (for sites > 10 miles apart)
Ask about our out of county seeding.
- 15 Foot JD Rental Drill
 - \$15/ac
 - \$150 minimum
 - \$100 delivery
- Full Service Mowing/Clipping
 - \$175/hour for the first 10 hours
 - \$125/each additional hour
 - \$175 minimum
 - \$200 delivery

Treatments to Begin Now

As recommended by Dr. John Ball, SDSU

For more information, visit: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/tree-pest-alert>

- Mulching ornamental trees to keep soil warmer longer into fall, and also keep the soil temps from dropping too low that can kill tree roots.
- Treatment for Pine Wilt disease is cutting down the tree and burning the wood. DO NOT PILE IT! Pine Wilt disease only attacks the exotic pines. Our ponderosa pines are tolerant of the disease, while Scotch and Austrian Pines are highly susceptible to the infection.
- Raking of any infested fallen apple fruit under your trees. This will help prevent apple diseases next spring with the codling moth. Insecticidal sprays can be applied in the spring as the apples are beginning to form. Do not spray while the trees are in bloom.
- This is melampsora rust of poplars (Melampsora), which includes cottonwood as a host. The disease has a complex life cycle, as do many rust diseases, traveling between poplars (aspens, poplars, and cottonwoods) and conifers. The disease appears on the poplars after we have some summer rains, which we have had in some areas of the state. However, we do not see the disease every year on the same trees. The infection and late-season defoliation rarely harm cottonwoods. The most common control is to rake up and dispose of the fallen leaves, but this is rarely effective in a landscape setting. High-value cottonwood may be sprayed with a preventative fungicide in the spring. A common active ingredient for these treatments is Propiconazole.



- A great way to get a jump start on broadleaf weeds is to have Casoron applied in the winter. Casoron is a granular chemical that is applied when the ground is frozen. It helps control weeds like dandelions, thistle, and kochia in the upcoming growing season for your tree belts —young and old.



- Once leaves have dropped, choose a lovely fall day to check on your fabric in your plantings. A sharp hay knife will split the fabric easily by the trunks of the trees. Girdling WILL kill the tree as roots starve.

The fabric has done its job once the trees have formed a canopy.





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