

Tree Planting Agreement

Butte Conservation District Planting

THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN COOPERATION WITH THE NRCS WILL:

- Assist with designing a tree plan, selecting the best species for the location, and laying out the tree site (prior to planting).
- \$450 minimum applies to tree planting (this does not include fabric installation)
- Mail ESTIMATE to the landowner when design is complete & a non-refundable 50% deposit is due by January 30, 2018
- A 15% re-stocking fee will be assessed on fabric orders that are cancelled after agreements have been signed.
- Check site to make sure it is properly prepared prior to planting
- Call 24 hours in advance of planting
- Practice the best handling procedures of the tree stock to ensure healthy trees for a successful tree planting.
- Send final billing upon the completion of planting (and/or weed barrier installation) and a final survey.
- Provide tree crew whose duties include tree planting, heeling-in of trees and fabric installation.

THE LANDOWNER WILL:

- Assist in the designing of the tree plan (including whether or not to use weed barrier - weed barrier can ONLY be installed on straight rows or slight curve within a row) *Fabric will not be installed the day of planting.
- Prepare the tree plot - ground **must be** broken to a depth of 12-18" by **August** of the previous year and worked again prior to planting in the spring. It is essential that the ground be prepared (like a garden, free of sod, weeds, rocks and clods) to increase the survival rate of your trees and also ensuring proper installation and effectiveness of the weed barrier.
- *If the planting bed is not properly prepared or conditions are unfavorable for proper planting, the tree planting crew will exercise the right to not plant trees/lay fabric and return when the conditions are more favorable.**
- Butte Conservation District does not assume any liability or responsibility for survival of trees if the ground is not properly prepared.
- If possible have at least one person present at the time of tree planting, especially with a larger planting; help with heeling trees is appreciated.
- We recommend watering trees the day of the planting, as soon as possible after they have been heeled in.
- Order the trees/fabric from the District – **WE ONLY PLANT TREES PURCHASED FROM THE DISTRICT.**
- Pay a non-refundable **50%** deposit **no later than January 30, 2018**; if not received order **will be cancelled.**
- Make the final payment **upon receipt** of final bill.
 - *Final bill will be mailed after planting/fabric installation has been completed and final survey has been performed.
 - *A 5% finance charge will be assessed to remaining amount due if payment is not received by the date designated on the final bill (the finance charge will be assessed according to the terms stated on invoice).

*By signing this agreement, you agree to the terms stated above by the Butte Conservation District.

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Conservation District

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Landowner

Mellette County Conservation District Tree Planting Agreement

It is mutually agreed that the following terms apply to Mellette County Conservation District's tree planting.

The Mellette County Conservation District will provide trees, tree planter, and crew to plant trees according to the standards set by NRCS and the District.

The producer must have site properly prepared in a timely manner.
The producer will provide a tractor and driver for planting the trees.
The producer will be responsible for 'walking in' the trees immediately after planting and all other care necessary there after to maintain a healthy tree stand.
The producer will be responsible for 100% of the cost of replants.

Walking in the trees is to walk behind the tree planter, sitting up each tree and stomping around it to pack the dirt on all four sides. Occasionally a tree may get completely buried when the tree planter shifts. You will want to pay close attention to the space in between the trees. The planters rarely skip twice the distance the trees are supposed to be planted. The tree is probably buried. Sometime the roots get tangled during planting and a tree may not be completely in the ground. We recommend taking a spade along when walking in the trees to properly plant those trees and help dig out any buried trees. Properly prepared ground will help reduce these problems.

If the producer is unsatisfied with the tree planting, it should be noted immediately. The Mellette County Conservation District has no guarantee on survival of the new tree planting and is further understood that the District has no implied warranties of any sort on the merchantability or fitness of the stock. If more than 80% of a species dies in the first season, please contact the Conservation District immediately.

I have read the Mellette County Conservation District policy and the above agreement and agree to have the Mellette County Conservation District plant my trees.

Producer

Date

Mellette County Conservation District