



Tree Policy

Agreement with Rock Soil & Water Conservation District

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1. THE TREE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT MUST SUPPLY A TRACTOR AND AN OPERATOR FOR THE TRACTOR FOR PLANTING OF TREES.
2. ALL TREES MUST BE PLANTED BY THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF MAY OF THE PLANTING YEAR AS WEATHER PERMITS.
***IF THE TREES ARE NOT PLANTED BY LAST BUSINESS DAY OF MAY, THE PARTICIPANT WILL ONLY RECEIVE 25% COST-SHARE ALLOWED FOR THE PROJECT (maximum cost-share amount would be reduced to 50% of the original MAXIMUM amount set by the Rock County SWCD board).**
3. The trees belong to the landowner after the order has been processed.
4. A 25% down payment must be paid when order is placed.
5. In no case will the 25% down payment be refunded after November 30th.
6. Trees arrive about the second week of April. After arrival, the purchaser will be contacted to set up a time to plant the trees. The matting (if applicable) will be installed 2 - 4 weeks after the planting has been completed.
7. The minimum charge for tree planting is \$135.00, or \$0.20 per deciduous and \$0.30 per potted conifer, subject to the number of trees planted.
8. Producers are responsible for calling GOPHER STATE ONE CALL (1-800-252-1166) in all practices where earthwork needs to be done or for plantings that will be near utility lines of any kind.
9. The trees are guaranteed to start growing under the following conditions:
Proper site preparations are followed
The trees are watered within 24 hours of planting
The planted areas are kept weed free
The trees are properly cared for
***Trees will not be replaced due to drought, drowning, adverse weather, animal damage or poor care as determined by a Rock County SWCD representative.**
10. Full payment of trees and matting is due upon receipt of invoice.
11. Rock County SWCD will not plant trees if site preparation specifications are not followed;
 - a) For trees that **WILL NOT** be matted, a **minimum 30' wide** per row must be tilled black where trees are going to be planted.
 - b) For trees that **WILL** be matted by our office (SWCD/LMO) using the 6' continuous fabric matting, a **minimum 8'** per row must be tilled black where the trees are going to be planted.
12. Rock County SWCD/LMO reserves the right to reduce or cancel any order if sufficient stock is not available or if the sight is deemed hazardous to installation personnel or equipment prior to or after installation commences.
- 13. If a sight is deemed hazardous, the tree participant will be required to pay for the full tree order. The participant will remain eligible for the full cost-share amount provided they plant the remaining trees within 24 hours of the SWCD/LMO representative(s) leaving the sight due to hazardous conditions.**

I have read the Rock SWCD tree policy and agree to the terms.

Signature of Tree Program Participate

Date

Signature of Rock SWCD Representative

Date