

## **TREE PROGRAM POLICY**

The Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District sells only top quality nursery stock, which is locally grown. Locally grown stock is very important as we can assure you these trees will prosper in Southwestern Minnesota.

### **TREES AND SHRUBS MUST BE WATERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING**

Trees and shrubs should be watered to the depth of five inches. One and two year old plantings will need water of some source at least once a week – more if it is an extra dry year.

### **COST – SHARED WINDBREAKS**

During the first three years, the trees must be kept cultivated between the rows. Weeds and grasses must be controlled within the rows. If trees die out, they must be replaced to meet the original specification.

### **REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Trees and shrubs purchased from Cottonwood S.W.C.D. are guaranteed to start growing. Trees or shrubs, which have failed to start growing, should be reported to us no later than September. Replacements will be provided the following spring.

We will not replace any stock, which has not been properly cared for. We **do not** replace any stock, which has started to grow and has died out later on due to drought, drowning, animal damage or poor care. Keeping trees growing is your responsibility. Trees or shrubs planted in sod and bare root evergreens are not guaranteed.

### **TREE PLANTING SERVICE**

The Cottonwood S.W.C.D. tree planting service is as follows:  
30 cents per bare root tree or shrub, 60 cents per pot, \$50.00 minimum.  
Landowner provides tractor and driver.

### **SERVICE CHARGE**

A service charge of 1.5% per month, 18% annually will be charged on bills over 30 days old.

### **TREE AVAILABILITY**

The Cottonwood S.W.C.D. Board reserves the right to reduce or cancel this order if sufficient stock is not available. Down payment will be adjusted or refunded accordingly. Sizes are subject to digging.

### **COTTONWOOD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE #28 FOR TREE PLANTINGS**

Field Windbreaks and Wildlife Block Planting Regulations. There shall be a minimum setback of one hundred (100) feet from all county and township right-of-ways.

Questions can be directed to the Environmental Office at (507) 831-2060.

### **STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

There are minimum required setback distances for trees from state highway right-of-ways.