



2019 Fall Newsletter



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Tree Planting Costs

Tree planting: \$30.00 per 100ft. Minimum Charge - \$350.00

Fabric Application: \$60.00 per 100ft. Minimum Charge: \$350.00

Handplants: \$2.00 per tree Minimum Order: 5 Trees Same Species

Tilling: \$75.00 per hour Minimum Charge: \$150.00

Grass Seeding: \$75.00 per Acre Minimum Charge: \$100.00 (seed not included)

Casoron Application: \$12.00 per 100 Linear ft. Minimum Charge \$75.00

Don't forget to start thinking about trees for next spring!! Our handplant order forms are located on our website, or just stop by the office! If you would like to get a hold of us about any of our services, please call or email at: 701-852-5438 Ext. 3

"EQIP"

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

What is EQIP?

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.

Who Can Apply?

Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on the land may participate in EQIP. Applications can be taken throughout the year, but in order to be considered to funding you must have a plan in place prior to funding and contract approval

How EQIP Works:

Farm Bill legislation provides NRCS with authority to provide financial assistance payments through EQIP to eligible producers, to help implement approved conservation practices in eligible land. EQIP also has the ability to support wildlife projects through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

If you are interested or would like to learn more about EQIP, please contact your local NRCS office at: **(701) 852-5438 Ext.3** or stop by our office located at 1920 13th St SE Minot, ND 58701 behind Kroll's Diner.

"2019 Tree Planting Preparation"

Once you have an idea of where you would like your trees, please call ND One Call at 1-800-795-0555 and have them mark your underground utility lines. Ward Soil Conservation District will not plant over those lines, so make sure they are not within your planting site. Sites need to be worked up once in the fall and again in the spring. We like to see the ground worked about 6-10 inches deep, as that is how deep our machines dig down. Using a disk, cultivator or a tiller will suffice. If you do not have a way to till your site, we also provide that service. An application of round-up may be needed to kill off excessive weeds in the fall, be cautious when using a lot of herbicides near your planting. Residue in the spring can lead to failure of seedling growth. Newly planted trees should not be fertilized for the first three years.

Strawberry Jam

Ingredients:

2 pounds fresh strawberries, hulled
4 cups white sugar
1/4 cup lemon juice

Directions:

In a wide bowl, crush strawberries in batches until you have 4 cups of mashed berry. In a heavy bottomed saucepan, mix together the strawberries, sugar, and lemon juice. Stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to high, and bring the mixture to a full rolling boil. Boil, stirring often, until the mixture reaches 220 degrees F (105 degrees C). Transfer to hot sterile jars, leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inch headspace, and seal. Process in a water bath. If the jam is going to be eaten right away, don't bother with processing, and just refrigerate.

Rhubarb Berry Jam

Ingredients:

8 cups chopped fresh rhubarb
3 cups white sugar
1 (21 ounce) can blueberry pie filling
1 (3 ounce) package strawberry flavored Jell-O mix
1 (3 ounce) package raspberry flavored Jell-O mix

Directions:

Combine the rhubarb, sugar and blueberry pie filling in a large pot. Bring to a rolling boil over medium-high heat, and boil for 10 minutes longer. Stir in dry gelatin mix until dissolved. Transfer to sterile jars or freezer tubs, and cool. Freeze any jam you don't intend to use right away.

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Watering:

Plantings that are up to five years old need to be watered about 5-10 gal. per week through early October.

Maintenance:

Also, remember to tend to the weeds, dead leaves, and other debris around your trees. This will reduce the potential of leaf and canker diseases.

Weed Barrier Fabric:

Check your trees! Fabric needs to be cut as they grow to prevent girdling. The best thing to do is use a utility knife and cut slits as your trees grow, They grow fast.



Upcoming Events/Holidays

Envirothon	September 18th
Columbus Day	October 14th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving	November 28th
Christmas	December 25th
New Years	January 1st