

HAMLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SERVICES



MACHINE TREE PLANTING

Machine plantings can consist of Shelterbelt Renovations, Livestock Shelterbelts, Riparian Buffers, Farmstead Windbreaks, Wildlife Plantings, Field Windbreaks, and Living Snowfences. After careful planning with either the Conservation District personnel, NRCS staff or one of the other partners technical assistants; the planting can be scheduled. In the spring, a tree crew will arrive at your site with a tractor, planting machine and your tree stock. The crew will plant your tree site to the specifications of a designated tree plan. These trees are bare root and are between 6"-18" in height when planted. Trees must be purchased from conservation district stock in order to be planted by our crew.

Machine plantings are charged by the linear foot. Not by the amount of trees or shrubs planted. The charge for this service is \$0.43/lf. A 15-20% down payment is required prior to January 15th, the year of the scheduled planting.

There is a \$325 minimum charge for this service.

For any of these services, please call to 605-783-3642 or 605-881-5899



FABRIC INSTALLATION

The Conservation District provides a tree fabric option to Hamlin County cooperators who are planting trees. Following a tree planting, a 6' wide fabric is laid over the tree row. Cuts are made, the tree is pulled through and staples are inserted every 3'-4' to secure the fabric in place.

The fabric eliminates vegetative competition with newly planted trees and shrubs by acting as mulch. It conserves soil moisture by reducing evaporation. Water can penetrate the tree fabric, but sunlight cannot, so vegetation will not grow through it. A new "tree saver" fabric has been purchased to use on all future tree sites. This new fabric has a green colored center, which will break down much faster. This will allow the fabric to break away as the tree is growing. Thus saving the maintenance of making future cuts in the fabric to prevent girdling.

Fabric installation is charged by the linear foot, as the tree service is. The charge for this service is \$0.75/lf. A 15-20% down payment is required prior to January 15th, the year of the scheduled planting.

There is a \$300 minimum charge for this service.



TREE TUBE USE

Tree tubes protect the trees from damage animals can cause by chewing or rubbing on the trees. Because of the importance to protect your trees, the tubes are now an approved practice through the CRP program. These tubes can be purchased as stock or our crew can install them for you.

The cost of the tubes are as follows:

**3'-4' tubes are \$4.00 each
5' tubes are \$4.50 each
Oak Stakes are \$2.50 each
Fiberglass Stakes are \$3.50 each
Installation for each tubes is \$2.00.**

These can be added to your hand plant order on the form or added to your tree plan.



"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." — Warren Buffett .