

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD)



Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program Rules

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“District”) has allocated funds to support the planting of trees that enhance and protect our urban forest. Please review the following program rules and guidelines before applying.

- The District will reimburse **75% of the cost of the tree, up to a maximum of \$200.**
- Applications are approved on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- A maximum of **one (1) tree per applicant and property** may be approved per fiscal year (July 1–June 30).
- Applications will be **accepted between July 1 – September 30 and February 1 - April 30.**
- Trees need to be **planted by October 31 or May 30**, respectively, so the forester can confirm and issue the reimbursement. Otherwise, you will need to reapply.
- Applications must be **completed, submitted, and approved prior to planting.**
- **W-9** and **Citizenship Attestation** forms must be included with the application.
- Applications are reviewed and approved by the District’s **Forester** and **General Manager.**
- Applicants authorize the District’s Forester to visit the site to inspect both the planting area and the planted tree.
- The planting site must be **within the District** (see map).
 - Trees may be planted in rights-of-way, common areas, etc., with proper approval.
 - Trees may be planted on private residential or commercial property.
 - Land owned by the United States government, the State of Nebraska, or any of its political subdivisions (e.g., counties, cities, local governments) is **not eligible.**
- The application must include:
 - A **detailed map** showing the exact location of the future tree planting.
 - **Photos** of the proposed planting area.
- Applicants must contact **Digger’s Hotline (811)** before planting and submit **proof of clearance** with the application.
- After planting, applicants must provide the District with:
 - Proof of tree purchase (e.g., email or receipt from nursery), and
 - Photos of the **planted** tree.
- The selected tree species must be **approved by the District’s Forester.** A list of recommended species is provided on the next page.
- The District’s Forester can provide guidance on species selection, planting location, proper planting techniques, and care. Contact: aclare@lpsnrd.org for assistance.
- Shrubs, grasses, herbaceous plants, and orchard trees **do not qualify** for this program.
- Costs associated with planting services provided by a nursery or landscaper are **not eligible** for reimbursement.
- Please review the **Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program Checklist** before submitting your application.

Landscape Tree Cost-Share Application Checklist



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- Verified that the planting location is within the LPSNRD (map link).
- Selected an eligible tree species.
- Obtained documentation of the tree cost from the nursery.
- Provided an aerial image of the planting location.
- Included a photo showing the exact planting location.
- Submitted documentation of clearance from **811 Digger's Hotline**.
- Completed the application form.
- Completed and attached the W-9 and Citizenship Attestation forms.
- Optional:** Completed the **ACH Authorization Form** to receive reimbursement more quickly after approval.
- Received written approval from LPSNRD.
- Planted the tree.
- Sent a photo of the planted tree to the LPSNRD Forester.
- Received reimbursement check (or ACH deposit, if applicable).



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Suggested Tree Species for Eastern Nebraska

This list is a guide only—other species may also be approved.

For assistance choosing a tree, contact the LPSNRD Forester.

Large Deciduous	Height	Spread	Notes
Baldcypress	50	30	Good for wet or compacted soil.
Catalpa	50	35	Adaptable and tough.
Black Cherry	35	20	Fast, adaptable, nice flowers.
Black Walnut	60	45	Native and tough.
Elm	50	40	Disease resistant: 'Frontier', 'Triumph', 'Accolade'
Ginkgo	45	35	Choose males only. Fruit can be stinky.
Golden Rain Tree	40	30	Beautiful yellow flowers. Drought tolerant, tough.
Hackberry	50	50	Adaptable and tough.
Hickory	40	40	Shagbark, shellbark, and bittersweet are good.
Horsechestnut	35	30	Unique leaves and beautiful flowers.
Kentucky Coffeetree	50	40	Adaptable, great shade, does have seed pods.
Linden	60	40	Fragrant flowers, great shade tree.
Oak	50	40	Avoid pin oaks. Try red, swamp white, or bur oaks.
Pecan	50	50	Great shade tree. Often overlooked.
Persimmon	30	20	Edible fruit, unique bark.
Sycamore	80	50	Will get very large. Tough & adaptable. Pretty bark.
Tulip Tree	60	45	Pretty flowers. Large shade tree.
Yellow Buckeye	40	30	Creamy yellow flowers. Unique leaves.
Small Deciduous	Height	Spread	Notes
Cornelian Cherry	15	15	Yellow spring flowers, edible fruit in summer.
Dogwood			
Crabapple	20	15	Spring flowers. Choose disease resistant cultivars.
Hophornbeam	20	15	Shaggy bark, strong wood, unique hops-like fruit.
Magnolia	20	15	Pink or white spring flowers.
Redbud	20	15	Pink spring flowers.
Serviceberry	15	15	White spring flowers, edible fruit in June.
Yellowwood	25	20	Smooth bark, unique creamy-white flowers.
Conifers	Height	Spread	Notes
Concolor Fir	50	30	Nice Christmas tree shape.
Douglas Fir	50	25	Uniquely shaped cones, soft needles.
Eastern White Pine	70	40	Likes a little more water than other pines.
Ponderosa Pine	65	30	Native pine
Red Pine	40	30	Reddish bark. Slower growing.
SW White Pine	35	20	Drought tolerant
Black Hills Spruce	50	30	Pyramid shape, dense needles.
Norway Spruce	70	40	Large. Smaller branches have a weeping habit.