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## **Last Chance for Landowners to Order Trees/Shrubs to Enhance Property and Improve Land Quality**

*Planting trees prevents soil erosion, windbreaks cut energy costs and  
much more.*

(Nebraska) Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) announces nearly 700,000 trees and shrubs have been ordered for Nebraskans across the state so far, for planting in the spring of 2017. Each seedling does its part in enhancing the state's beauty and conserving our natural resources.

Since the Natural Resources Districts (NRD) creation in 1972, more than 96 million trees and shrubs have been planted across the state with the help of the NRDs.

"Our NRD Tree Program offers landowners an inexpensive way to enhance their properties whether for functional use, wildlife habitat or beautifying the land," Jim Bendfeldt, president of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts said. "NRD staff help select the right trees for the property, design the space and can even plant them for you."

For less than a dollar a tree, conservation trees shade and shelter homes, reduce energy costs, protect and increase crop yields, reduce soil erosion caused by water and wind, improve water quality, control snow and preserve winter moisture, protect livestock, provide food and cover for wildlife, control noise, capture atmospheric carbon, raise property values, and add beauty to our landscape.

Each of the 23 Natural Resources Districts administer their own tree program. Available species and tree and shrub options may differ from district to district depending on what grows well in different areas of the state.

"You can really see the positive impact the program has on landowners," Bendfeldt said. "We're seeing more families with small acreages reach out to us because the cost is so reasonable."

Many NRD Conservation Tree Program order deadlines are coming up. Some are due as soon as March 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact your local Natural Resources District to put your tree orders in today. You can go to [www.nrdnet.org](http://www.nrdnet.org) to locate your local NRD.

To learn about the wide variety of trees each NRD offers, go to [www.nrdtrees.org](http://www.nrdtrees.org).



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The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD), the trade association for Nebraska's 23 natural resources districts, works with individual NRDs to protect lives, protect property, and protect the future of Nebraska's natural resources. These districts are unique to Nebraska. NRD's are local government entities with broad responsibilities to protect our natural resources. Major Nebraska river basins form the boundaries of the 23 NRDs, enabling districts to respond best to local conservation and resource management needs. To learn more about Nebraska's NRDs visit [www.nrdnet.org](http://www.nrdnet.org). Or you can head to the Natural Resources Districts' Facebook page at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or follow NARD's Twitter page at [@nebnrd](http://www.twitter.com). NARD is located at 601 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 201, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Email NARD at [nard@nrdnet.org](mailto:nard@nrdnet.org) or call NARD at (402) 471-7670.