

Natrona County Cooperative Extension Service Seedling Tree Program

The seedling tree program provides small seedling trees and shrubs to property owners with a minimum of two acres of land. Purchasers must sign conditions of sale agreement stating that the trees are not intended for use as landscape plants and that the plants will not be resold as living plants. These trees and shrubs are intended for the development of homestead and livestock protection windbreaks. They can also be used to develop living snow fences to encourage snow drift development in strategic locations on properties, usually to prevent roads and other access locations from drifting in making them inaccessible.

The program offers 40 species of plants in bare root, small potted, large potted and limited supplies of Extra Large potted varieties. The bare root plants come bundled in damp wood shavings, wrapped in cellophane to prevent root dehydration. The bare root species are sold in lots of 50 plants. The small potted trees are grown in a long tube shaped container with a cone shaped base. The Large potted trees are grown in Styrofoam block containers each of these varieties usually come in quantities of 30 plants per lot; this year there are a few species in lots of 50. This year the nursery offered a limited supply of larger plants grown in one gallon containers and these can be ordered individually.

It is recommended that interested parties order their plants prior to the holidays so that the forms don't get lost in the holiday rush, as well as avoiding the situation where the preferred species is sold out before the order is placed. Ordering prior to the holidays also offers the chance for friends and families to purchase trees for new landowners as a holiday gift. As the season rolls on the order forms will indicate which species and sizes are sold out. However occasionally there is a need to offer substitutions for plants that are sold out before our weekly order is placed with the nursery. Orders must be accompanied by full payment for the order.

Individuals interested in ordering plants can print the forms from the Natrona County website or stop by the Agricultural Resource and Learning Center at 2011 Fairgrounds Road to pick up or drop off order forms and accompanying payments. For more information please contact the Horticulturist or the Rural Living Educator for assistance in developing planting plans or plant species selection for specific sites. The number to reach the staff at the ARLC is (307) 235-9400. In the spring post cards will be sent to those who have placed and paid for orders so that they know the times for pick up of their orders.