

Tree Planting Programs

Subsidized Tree Program

Fewer than 500 Trees

- Orders cannot exceed 500 trees.
- Orders are placed on our website through an online order form.
 - www.eastinterlake.ca < Funding < Tree Seedling Orders < Order Form
- Seedlings are sold in bundles of 10, and cost \$30. (\$3 per seedling).
- Payment will be required via e-transfer.
 - You will be contacted after your order is placed regarding order confirmation and payment details.
 - Details will be sent once all individual orders have been received.
- Trees are available for order for spring and fall planting.
 - Spring orders will arrive mid-May, fall orders will arrive mid-September.
- Please see our tree catalogue to learn more about which species we generally have available.
 - Options change yearly but consist of a wide variety of fast-growing trees, long-lived trees, tall shrubs and short shrubs that are all native to the prairies.
- EIWD does not provide any project design/ assistance
- Pick-up will occur at the EIWD office (15 Jacobson Drive, Gimli). EIWD will determine the pickup time and will notify applicants close to the date.
- All individual tree orders are added together when we place our order for trees. If there are not enough trees are requested from individuals to constitute a whole box, then that species may become unavailable.
 - If this happens, we will communicate with you to find a new species that is available.
- Seedlings arrive measuring between 15-60 cm for the above ground portion.



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Free Tree 2-Billion Trees (2 BT) Program

More than 500 Trees

- Orders that exceed 500 trees qualify for our free tree program through 2-Billion Trees
- Planting projects can be either shelterbelts or reforestation/afforestation projects.
 - Shelterbelts:
 - Multiple rows of trees are planted to reduce wind speed, catch snow, and increase biodiversity and wildlife habitat.
 - EIWD prefers Eco-Buffer shelterbelts which is a dense planting of trees, tall shrubs and low shrubs. Seedlings are spaced 1 meter apart, and rows are 2 meters apart. (See attachment)
 - Traditional shelterbelts will be considered; contact the EIWD.
 - Reforestation/Afforestation:
 - Trees are planted throughout an area, not necessarily in pre-determined rows.
- There is no cost for the trees.
- Details will be submitted via:
 - Application form completed and sent to info@eastinterlake.ca or
 - Discussed via phone at 204-642-7578
- 2-Billion Trees projects must be reviewed and approved by the executive board.
- Planting can occur in the spring or fall.
 - Spring plantings usually start around the May long weekend. Fall plantings usually occur after mid-September.
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- Seedlings arrive measuring between 15-60 cm for the above ground portion.
- EIWD will monitor the trees for 5 years and report tree survival success rates to our funder.
- East Interlake Watershed District will provide:
 - 1) Tree seedlings
 - 2) Plastic mulch rolls (optional)
 - 3) Use of tree planter and mulch applicator (optional)
 - EIWD will schedule pickup/ return of equipment and seedlings.

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- 4) Potential staff assistance (for planting) if available, this is **not** guaranteed.
 - 5) Design assistance
 - Shelterbelt design
 - Tree species selection
 - 6) Native grass seed and seeding assistance for between shelterbelt rows (optional)
- For shelterbelt projects, landowner must provide:
 - 1) Land preparation
 - Site must be well worked through discing or cultivation - soil is loose and free of sod clumps and large stones.
 - 2) Tractor equipped with hydraulics for use of tree planting and mulch application equipment
 - 3) Labour for tree planting and mulch application
 - 5 people for tree planting and applying plastic mulch is recommended
 - 4) Site maintenance, including but not limited to, weeding and watering.
 - Trees must be watered immediately after planting
 - For reforestation/afforestation projects, landowner must provide:
 - 1) Land preparation
 - 2) Labour for tree planting
 - 3) Site maintenance, including but not limited to, weeding and watering.
 - Trees must be watered immediately after planting
 - All participants **must** receive an Environmental Farm Plan <https://online.manitobaefp.ca/>, EIWD staff can assist with this if needed.
 - The tree planter and mulch applicator will be used by multiple landowners during the planting window, so we ask that landowners be flexible with their planting dates (due to weather) and cooperate with picking up/dropping off equipment to the next landowner.
 - 2 BT projects **may** be eligible for a conservation contract (depending on tree planting design and funding). If eligible, you could receive up to \$200/ac of dense tree planting annually for 10 years.
 - NOTE: If planting adjacent to a farm field please ensure the farmer is aware of planting so that trees do not get driven over/impacted by herbicide drift. Tree seedlings are especially susceptible to herbicide. Please also consider a native grass buffer between the farm field and shelterbelt for additional protection.

