

# Hutchinson Conservation District Newsletter

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<https://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonCD>

## HCD Farmers Market – Coming Soon!

Plans are underway for a brand-new Farmers Market at the Hutchinson Conservation District!

We are excited to bring fresh, local produce and handmade goods to the community from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, with markets held weekly throughout the season.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates, vendor opportunities, and opening day details!

## Now Hiring

### Spring Tree Crew Help

Looking for a hands-on outdoor job this spring?  
Join our crew!

We start hiring in winter and begin work in early May. Most positions are ideal for high school students, with start dates after school is out.

Job Details:

- Tree planting & fabric laying
- No experience needed
- Flexible hours based on weather & workload
- Must be willing to get dirty
- Open to applicants 15 years and older

### Greenhouse Assistant

We are looking for a summer greenhouse worker who enjoys working with plants and people.

Job Details:

- Watering, pruning, and general plant care
- Assist and interact with customers
- Flexible hours; occasional weekends
- Working in a warm greenhouse
- Seasonal Position

Stop in, email, or call us with questions or pick up an application!

## Cost Share Programs Available

Limited cost share funding is available through the Hutchinson County Conservation District and the NRCS Office to help offset the cost of eligible conservation projects.

Contact us today to learn more about:

- Program eligibility
- Available funding
- Application deadlines and requirements

Funding is limited and may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis — so don't wait!



## Check Your Fabric!

Be sure to regularly inspect your weed barrier fabric to protect your trees. Make sure edges are covered with dirt and staples are secure around each tree. If the fabric comes loose and covers the trees, it can block sunlight and cause them to die if left covered too long. As your trees grow, enlarge the fabric openings to prevent it from growing into the trunk.

A few quick checks can go a long way in keeping your trees healthy!



## Do You Need Replacement Trees?

If you have not already ordered your handplants, please contact our office as soon as possible to check availability.

⚠ *If it gets too late in the season, we cannot guarantee all tree species will be in stock.*

The sooner you call, the better your chances of getting the trees you need for your shelterbelt.

## Planning a new shelterbelt?

Call the office and speak with Bryan. He can assist with:

- Shelterbelt design
- Tree species selection tailored to your site
- Information on available grants (*note: some may require pre-approval before planting begins*)

We will do our best to help you find the right trees and make your planting a success!



## Site Preparation & Renovations

Proper site preparation is essential for tree survival and efficient planting. A well-prepared site makes planting easier and greatly increases the success rate of your trees. The District reserves the right to refuse planting and retain the down payment if the site is not adequately prepared. Each site will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Additional charges may apply for poorly prepared sites or renovation work, at the discretion of the District Manager.

**Tip:** Maintaining a clean, weed-free site can reduce your need for replanting and save money in the long run.

## Tree Planting Tips

- ≈ Plant trees on a prepared site
- ≈ Do not expose the tree roots to drying before or during planting
- ≈ Keep the roots cool and covered
- ≈ Do not plant seedlings deeper than 1" above the root collar
- ≈ Control competing vegetation between and within tree rows
- ≈ Plant only when the frost is out of the ground
- ≈ Provide a planting hole that is wider than roots so they can spread out
- ≈ Pack the soil around the seedling to eliminate air pockets
- ≈ Old or new trees & livestock never mix
- ≈ Take appropriate action against rodents and deer before they damage the trees
- ≈ Replant dead trees to maintain windbreak density
- ≈ Install a commercial weed barrier to increase survival and growth

If you plan on doing a tree-belt in 2026,  
PLEASE contact the Hutchinson  
Conservation District as soon as possible.



## HCD Greenhouse

### Greenhouse Gift Certificates Available!

Perfect for gardeners, plant lovers, or anyone  
who loves fresh blooms.

Available in any amount — stop by the  
Hutchinson Conservation District to get  
yours today!

## Other Services Available

Hutchinson Conservation offers a range of equipment  
and services to support your land and conservation  
needs.

### Field & Land Services:

- Tilling & Chiseling
- CRP Drilling
- Tree Tube or Fabric Installation
- Tree Planting (by hand or machine)
- Tree Watering Service

### Equipment Rentals & Seeding Services:

- **Truax Drills** – 12' and 15' available for rental or district-operated drilling
- **Land Pride 6' Lawn Grass Seeder** – Ideal for new lawns, reseeding, or between tree rows. Available for district use or daily rental.
- **CRP Mowing** – 20' Rotary bat-wing mower

### Additional Equipment Rentals:

- Staple Setter
- Tree Spade Shovel
- 3-point Gopher Killer
- Lawn/Fertilizer Spreader

Contact us to schedule a service or reserve  
equipment!

## Need Something? We Might Have It!

We offer a wide variety of products for your outdoor and  
conservation needs.

**6' and 10' wide weed barrier fabric** – sold by the roll or  
custom-cut

**Straw Blankets** – 8' and 16' rolls

**Grass & Lawn seed** – The District can order custom CRP or  
other grass mixes based on seed plans or other batched  
grasses

**Tree protectors** – 4' & 5' vented tubes (4' stakes wood 6'  
stakes fiberglass)

**Live animal traps** – both back and top bait doors

**Trees and Shrubs** – bareroot & Potted (tree stock is not  
guaranteed)

**Flags** – orange marker flags

**Staples** – sold by the box or individual

As a full-service conservation district, we are here to help—  
just give us a call and we will do our best to find what you  
need.



## **Speech Contest**

### **Scholarship Opportunity for 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!**

Build your public speaking skills and compete for a \$1,200 scholarship with a 4–6 minute speech on conservation or natural resource topics.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources and SDACD invite all public, private, and home-schooled students to participate.

#### **To Apply:**

- Pick up an application from your local conservation office
- Return completed applications to the office by the deadline

#### **For More Info:**

Call: 605-387-5539

Email: [hutchcd@gwtc.net](mailto:hutchcd@gwtc.net)

## **Arbor Day Creative Writing Contest**

The Creative Writing Contest is open to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from South Dakota. First Place: \$125 cash award and \$150 to the winner's school, Second Place: \$100 cash award Third Place: \$75 cash award. Deadlines for entries each year are in late March with the awards presented on or around Arbor Day.

For rules or more information stop by the office or:

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Education/ArborDayEssay/default.aspx>

## **Arbor Day Poster Contest**

The poster contest is open to South Dakota 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The top 12 posters will be featured in the annual South Dakota Arbor Day Poster Contest Calendar. First Place: \$125 cash prize plus \$175 for their teacher to purchase educational supplies, Second Place: \$100 cash prize, Third Place: \$75 cash prize.

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## **Visit Our Seasonal Greenhouse!**

Open May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>

Explore our wide selection of:

- Perennials, Annuals, Vegetables & Herbs
- Hanging Baskets & Custom Planters

We also offer potted tree stock that includes:

- Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, Shrubs & Grape Vines

Big news! We're growing—and a brand-new retail space is coming your way in Summer 2026!

So, whether you are growing a garden or landscaping your yard, we may have what you need for every season!



## **RV, Camper, or Boat Taking Up Driveway Space?**

Free up your driveway and store your vehicles with us!

We offer outdoor, unpaved storage lots measuring 65' wide x 15' long — plenty of space for both a camper *and* a boat.

Monthly rentals available

Easy access and spacious layout

Reserve your spot today — contact our office for availability and pricing!



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## 2026 Hand Plant Order Form

Please Return Order Form With Payment by November 15, 2025



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<b>Name:</b>				<b>Phone:</b>				
<b>Address:</b>				If you want a specific tree that you do not see listed, please call us we have more species available!				
Bare Root Trees 12-18" tall	Price	Quantity	Bare Root Shrubs	Price	Quantity	Conifers	Price	Quantity
Apricot	\$4.00		Black Cherry/Aronia	\$4.00		Eastern Red Cedar	\$4.00	
Aspen, Quaking	\$4.00		Buffaloberry	\$4.00		Ponderosa Pine	\$4.00	
Buckeye, Ohio	\$4.00		Caragana	\$4.00		Black Hills Spruce	\$4.00	
Catalpa, Northern	\$4.00		Cherry, Nanking	\$4.00		Colorado Blue Spruce	\$4.00	
Cherry, Black	\$4.00		Cherry, Pin	\$4.00		Meyer Spruce	\$4.00	
Chokecherry, Amur	\$4.00		Cherry, Sand	\$4.00		Rocky Mt. Juniper	\$4.00	
Chokecherry, Common	\$4.00		Cotoneaster, Centennial	\$4.00		<b>Products</b>		
Chokecherry, Schubert	\$4.00		Cotoneaster, Peking	\$4.00				
Cottonwood, Male	\$4.00		Cranberry, Highbush	\$4.00		4' Tree Tube	\$5.00	
Crabapple, Midwest	\$4.00		Currant, American Black	\$4.00		5' Tree Tube	\$7.00	
Crabapple, Red Splendor	\$4.00		Current, Golden	\$4.00		4' Wood Stake	\$2.00	
Crabapple, Siberian	\$4.00		Dogwood, Redstemmed	\$4.00		6' Fiberglass Stake	\$3.00	
Hackberry	\$4.00		Elderberry, Common	\$4.00		Staples (each)	\$0.15	
Honeylocust, Thornless	\$4.00		False Indigo	\$4.00		Staples (box of 1000)	\$150.00	
Kentucky Coffee	\$4.00		Gooseberry	\$4.00		6' Fabric Cut/per foot	\$1.00	
Linden, American	\$4.00		Hazelnut, American	\$4.00		10' Fabric Cut/per foot	\$1.50	
Linden, Little Leaf	\$4.00		Honeysuckle, Freedom	\$4.00		10'x300' Roll Fabric	\$250.00	
Maple, Amur	\$4.00		Juneberry/Serviceberry	\$4.00		6'x500' Roll Fabric	\$250.00	
Maple, Rubrum	\$4.00		Lilac, Common	\$4.00		6'x1000' Roll Fabric	\$500.00	
Maple, Silver	\$4.00		Lilac, Villosa	\$4.00		8'x100' Straw Blanket	\$50.00	
Maple, Tatarian	\$4.00		Lilac, White	\$4.00		16'x100' Straw Blanket	\$50.00	
Mulberry	\$4.00		Nannyberry/Viburnum	\$4.00		<b>Potted Stock</b>		
Oak, Bur	\$4.00		Ninebark, Common	\$4.00				
Oak, Northern Red	\$4.00		Plum, American	\$4.00		Limited species and quantities. Check for availability		
Oak, White	\$4.00		Plum, Prairie Red	\$4.00				
Oak, White Swamp	\$4.00		Privet, Amur River	\$4.00		<b>Totals</b>		
Olive Russian	\$4.00		Rose, Hansen Hedge	\$4.00				
Pear, McDermid	\$4.00		Smooth Sumac	\$4.00		Bareroots/Conifers		
Poplar, White	\$4.00		Staghorn Sumac	\$4.00				
Walnut, Black	\$4.00		Willow, Flame	\$4.00		Specialty Trees		
Willow, Golden	\$4.00		Willow, Sandbar	\$4.00				
Willow, Laurel Leaf	\$4.00		<b>Fruit Trees 4' Tall</b>			Fruit Trees		
Willow, Hybrid	\$4.00							
<b>Specialty Bareroot Trees 2'-5' Tall</b>			Apple, Liberty	\$50.00		Products		
			Apple, Frostbite	\$50.00				
			Apple, Honey Gold	\$50.00		Other		
Birch, River	\$9.00		Apple, Snow Sweet	\$50.00				
Chokecherry, Schubert	\$9.00		Cherry, Evans Bali	\$50.00		Subtotal		
Maple, Amur	\$9.00		Cherry, North Star	\$50.00				
Maple, Silver	\$9.00		Pear, Early Gold	\$50.00		Tax (6.2%)		
Linden, American	\$9.00		Pear, Summer Crisp	\$50.00				
Linden, Little Leaf	\$9.00		Plum, Compass Cherry	\$50.00		<b>Total</b>		
Oak, Bur	\$9.00		Plum, Mount Royal	\$50.00				
Oak, Red	\$9.00							
Walnut, Black	\$9.00							

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## 🌳 POTTED TREES — YEAR-ROUND! 🌳

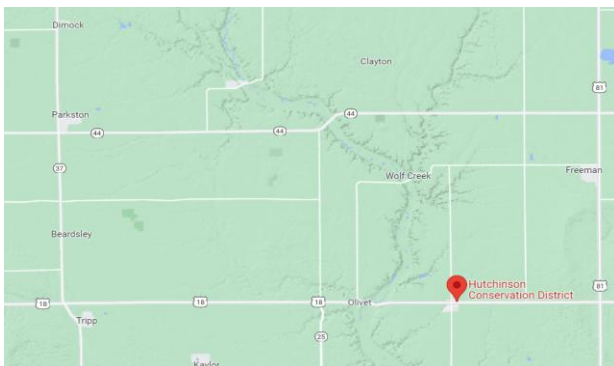
Looking to add beauty and shade to your yard?  
We have potted tree stock available year-round!

- 🌱 Limited quantities & species – shop early for the best selection.
- 🌱 Perfect for landscaping, windbreaks, or replanting projects.

**Please submit all tree order forms by November 15, 2025, along with full payment to ensure the best availability.**

**Tree orders will arrive in April 2026, and the District will contact you when your trees are ready for pick-up. All trees must be picked up within 10 days of receiving the notification.**

**Hutchinson Conservation District is NOT responsible for any trees after they leave the premises, or for the condition of the tree stock if not picked up within the designated time frame.**



...proudly serving the land owners and operators  
of Hutchinson County since 1961.

### **Mission Statement**

To provide guidance, assistance, education, community and conservation services for the preservation and expansion of our natural resources. This will benefit our residents, landowners, and visitors of the Hutchinson County Soil Conservation District.