

HELP International 2025 Shelterbelt Program Launch

CEO Message

Dear Customers (past, present and future);

I hereby launch HELP’s 2025 Shelterbelt Program for subsidized sale of hardy shelterbelt seedlings, saplings, 3.2 mil plastic mulch film as well as 1/2 inch and 7/8 inch irrigation drip line systems and accessories. HELP now taking orders on line at www.help-shelterbelts.com.

Early Bird Discounts:

Oct sales: 7 % discount; Nov: 6%; Dec 5 % and decreasing one percent per month.

Sales and Planting Throughout Growing Season: HELP research over the past 25 years proved that HELP’s seedlings can be successfully planted throughout the growing season from late April through end of October using HELP’s simple innovation planting protocols or deep planting, heeling, construction of a simple water funnel at each tree and 10 L per tree per week till end September. Larger saplings are best planted from Late April through end May and in October.

HELP’s container root seedlings often do better planted in full leaf in late May through end June and equally well only if vigilantly watered throughout July and August as well. All deciduous trees often have good to better results when fall planted (But do not plant conifers in fall)

HELP now markets trees on one year old, two year old, three year old and older sapling size. HELP will be adding varieties of potted saplings with each passing year.

Variety	Seedling Price when Ordering 50 or More			Sapling Price is the Same Regardless of Qty Bought		
	1 yr old	2 yr old	3 yr old	Sapling 3ft to 3 ft 11 “	Sapling 4 ft to 4 ft 11 “	Sapling 5 ft and over
Okanese Poplar	\$2.50			\$15	\$20	\$25
Tristis Poplar	\$2.50	\$3.50 (18 “)		\$15	\$20	\$25
Prairie Sky Poplar	\$2.50					
Walker Poplar	\$2.50					
Assiniboine Poplar	\$2.50					
Hill Poplar	\$2.50					
Sundance Poplar	\$2.50					
Northwest Poplar	\$2.50					
Golden Willow	\$2.50			\$15	\$20	\$25 (5-8 ft)
Silver leaf Willow	\$2.50			\$15	\$20	\$25 5ft +
Laurel Leaf Willow	\$2.50			\$20	\$25	\$30
Acute Willow	\$2.50					

Shrub Willow	\$2.50				
Sand Bar Willow	\$2.50				
Green Ash	\$2.50	\$3.50 18 inch			
American Elm	\$2.50	\$3.50 18 inch		\$15	
MB Maple	\$2.50	\$3.50 15 inch		\$15	

Price when Ordering 50 +

Price/Potted Plant same regardless of QTY

Variety	1 yr old	2 yr old (double size root ball i.e.: 220 to 320 ml root ball)	3 yr old (double size root ball i.e.: 220 to 320 ml root ball)	1 Liter Potted (trees same price per tree regardless of qty bought)		
Scot Pine	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$6.00	Avail in 2026		
Blue Spruce	\$2.50	\$3.50	Avail in 2026	Avail in 2026		
White Spruce	\$2.50	\$3.50	Avail in 2026	Avail in 2026		
Siberian Larch	not in stock	Not in stock		\$15 (18 to 24 inch)		
		Notes				
3.2 Plastic Mulch Film	\$220 per 1,500 ft roll	Heaviest plastic tree mulch produced in Canada	Very favorably priced	Weight near 100 lb so safety first during handling		
½ inch drip feather weight with pre- installed emitters	\$1/m for 500 m roll	Feather weight		Line and Accessories 20 percent below competitor pricing		
7/8 inch drip line heavy duty for punch/pop- in emitters	\$1.08/m for 500 m roll	Heavy Duty	Can be re- used after 4 years of shelterbelt irrigation	Line and Accessories 20 percent below competitor pricing.		

Evergreen (Conifer) Notes of Importance

HELP research shows that one and two year old evergreens planted in the shade of existing tree rows establish at far higher rates than conifers (pine and spruce) planted without shade. You can create a shade and wind protection system by simply planting a row of corn within 2 ft on each side of your

newly planted conifer row. Other: HELP is producing 10s of thousands of three year old spruce (to be available beginning in 2026) which are far less vulnerable against the winter cold and winds than the one and two year old spruce and pine.

Dry Land Planting Innovations

HELP has fine tuned its suggested best practices for successful dry land planting of tree seedlings and saplings on the semi arid prairies.

Best Practices to Ensure Tree Establishment in a nutshell:

- A) Deep fine till your land: you should sink up to your ankles if your land is properly prepared for tree planting.
- B) Plant Deep!...plant the full root plus 2 to 4 inches of the lower stem underground for all tree species. When planting saplings, remove the pot leaving soil in-tact. Plant in a hole 16 inches deep; backfill 14 inches, give a good heel kick, leave a water well depression around sapling, do NOT stake saplings.
- C) Heal each tree with one good heel kick in a downward 45 degree angle 3 inches back from each seedling...can be done as fast as one can walk. If done properly, if you pull on the seedling it should break off rather than pull out of the ground. The one heel kick should also be three inches deep if done properly.
- D) 14 inches back from each tree seedling, with a spade remove two spade widths of soil five inches depth to create a rain or irrigation funnel.
- E) If you install plastic mulch film over the trees, depress the plastic film with the sole of your shoe five inches down to the bottom of each rain funnel. Place a spadeful of $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1 inch crushed stone in the bottom of the funnel. Prick the plastic three times through the crushed stone with a screw driver or large nail. With this system a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch rain will provide 4 to 5 liters of water to each seedling.
- F) Ensure 10 liters of irrigation to each seedling per week from early May through end September. (Water is everything).

Note on shipping: HELP is keeping its shipping rates as low as possible. This is aided by our uber- type delivery system. When you pay for shipping, we pay a pick up customer coming from your region to hand over your trees at a gas station within 50 km or closer to your destination. If you have to driver farther than 50 km to fetch the trees you paid shipping for HELP will provide you additional trees to compensate you for your extra driving.

ORDER YOUR TREES FOR 2025 NOW!

Check out Frequently Asked Questions on our website. If you still have questions please call 306-861-0814 to talk to our CEO who is also our lead researcher.

CONTRACT HELP FOR YOUR SHELTERBELT INSTALLATIONS

If you require contract planting, plastic mulching and drip irrigation services anywhere on the prairies, please email us with pencil sketch of suggested planting along with distances and ask for a quote.

Any entity (landowner, organization, government or town) can purchase HELP trees, mulch and drip irrigation and our contract services for tree installations of any kind.

In 2024 HELP has focused on increasing all of its seedling and sapling tree inventories to their highest level ever to meet the ever increasing demand for hardy shelterbelt trees.

HELP has a special wildlife tree program for Sask Residents only i.e.: Up to 50 free wildlife habitat trees for a \$20 admin fee that gives you a free membership in Game Bird Habitat Trust and Sask Wildlife Federation.