

# 2022 Shelterbelt Program Announcement

HELP International hereby announces the launch of its 2022 Shelterbelt Program

HELP's program is available across the prairies for any landowner including farmers, acreage owners, lake cottage owners, plus for any tree project by towns, resorts, schools or community groups. HELP has increased its inventory of container root tree seedlings to an unprecedented level so there should be no running out of the fifteen most in demand hardy shelterbelt tree varieties including: Okanese Poplar and Prairie Sky Poplar, Manitoba Maple, Green Ash, Velosa Lilac, Dogwood, White and Blue Spruce, Scot's Pine as well as Golden Willow, Silverleaf Willow, Laurel Leaf Willow, Acute Willow, Shrub Willow, Pussy Willow (and Sandbar Willow for conservation projects).

## **Working to Keep Trees Affordable:**

As a charity and public service organization HELP International's Shelterbelt Program is working to keep tree costs the lowest possible. After discounts and bonus trees, HELP provides tree seedlings at less than half the price of the private marketplace. As a public service organization, we have also opted out of charging GST at an additional savings to landowners and local governments. Tree orders totaling 300 trees or more of any combined varieties sell for \$1.90 each based upon pick at our Weyburn Tree farm. After receiving e.i.: 5% early bird discounts for November orders for example, plus 5% extra trees given free for each variety ordered, plus pick up customers receiving another 10% of their full order payable in Acute Willow, the adjusted 'real' cost they are paying for each tree received after PST is actually \$1.71 per seedling for pick up customers. We are keeping the shipping cost the same for all the three prairie provinces. (Shipping for Ontario and B.C. orders are double the prairies rate) We also pay pick up customers to hand over other customer's trees on their route home at major gas stations along the way. This 'uber' like system has been working really well with trees arriving at customer destination the same day, far superior to the services of any national courier company.

## Shelterbelt Installation Services

In addition to tree sales HELP also provides across Saskatchewan and Manitoba especially' contract tree planting, plastic film installation and turf grass seeding between tree rows in addition to drip irrigation installation all on a fee for service basis. HELP also provides on site assessment and planning sessions on a cost recovery basis.

HELP continues to carry out leading edge research in tree production, new field installation techniques to enhance tree survival and growth rates and the use of select trees to

remediate a host of environmental challenges not limited to salinity control, effluent irrigation, odor and dust control, site reclamation and stabilization of coal ash middens.

In addition to normal employees and volunteers, HELP's team is soon to be joined by four PhDs and MAs and a B.Sc. to help us handle the growth in research, tree production, field forestry and agri-business.

Please check out HELP's website at [www.help-shelterbelts.com](http://www.help-shelterbelts.com) for on line ordering (by clicking on 'store'. Our website provides lots of valuable information on Shelterbelt Planning and sure-proof Plastic Mulching for Beginners. If the website doesn't answer your questions, call us at 306-861-0814 to answer questions specific to tree selection, shelterbelt design and tree sales that you can't get answers for on our website. For those who would rather fill out a paper form and mail it in to us with cheque or credit card information please utilize the attached order form which might also be available at your municipal government office.

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