

COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

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The Agricultural Service Board of the County of Barrhead No. 11 encourages and supports the establishment of new shelterbelts as well as maintaining and enhancing the native shelterbelts. The Agricultural Service Board believes that the shelterbelts play an important role in terms of reducing soil erosion, as well as improving the moisture content of the soil. Shelterbelts also improve the aesthetic qualities of the community.

The Agricultural Service Board will assist farmers to establish and maintain new and existing shelterbelts.

1. TREE SUPPLY

a) Alberta Tree Nursery Stock

Ratepayers are directed to the Agriculture District Office for the application forms, and the Agricultural Fieldmen will assist in the delivery of the tree stock by picking them up at the nursery and sorting them at the Agricultural Service Board Office for ratepayers to pick them up.

b) Direct Purchase by the Agricultural Service Board from various nurseries for the shelterbelt program.

The Agricultural Service Board will provide trees at cost to those ratepayers who apply under the shelterbelt program.

c) Demonstration Plots

Trees may be supplied on a subsidized basis for specific highly visible demonstration plots, at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board.

2. SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHMENT

a) For those applications that qualify under the Partners In Conservation Program, the Agricultural Service Board will provide the equipment at 75% as specified rates in the Rentals of Agricultural Equipment Policy 62.09 Schedule "A" and the labour at 75% of cost to establish the tree shelterbelt.

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- 2) b) For those applications that do not qualify under the Partners In Conservation Program, the Agricultural Service Board will provide the equipment at rates specified in the Rentals of Agricultural Equipment Policy 62.09 Schedule "A" and labour at cost upon approval of the application by the Agricultural Fieldmen.
- c) Demonstration Plots
- The establishment of demonstration plots may be provided at a subsidized rate at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board.

3. MAINTENANCE OF SHELTERBELTS

- a) For existing and new shelterbelts established or maintained under the Partners In Conservation Program, the Agricultural Service Board will provide equipment at 75% of rates specified in the Rentals of Agricultural Equipment Policy 62.09 Schedule "A" and the labour at 75% of cost for the maintenance of shelterbelts for one year after the shelterbelt has been established. (i.e. if the shelterbelt was established in 1996, the program will provide maintenance for 1997 at the subsidized rate).
- b) For existing shelterbelts not established or maintained under the Partners In Conservation Program, the Agricultural Service Board will provide equipment at rates specified in the Rentals of Agricultural Equipment Policy 62.09 Schedule "A" and labour at cost for maintaining shelterbelts upon approval of application by the Agricultural Fieldmen.
- c) Equipment and labour may, at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board, be provided for the maintenance of demonstration plots at a subsidized rate.