



HELP International Shelterbelt Program

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2023 Subsidized Shelterbelt Program Launch

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I am proud to announce the launch of HELP's 2023 Subsidized Shelterbelt Program.

The program is open to any rural or urban municipality, farms, acreage owners, other private or public landowner or community group for any purpose in tree planting including but not limited to:

- Shelterbelts, Stream Margin Forest Buffers, Wildlife Habitat Plantings
- Parks
- Street Boulevards
- Tree distributions by municipalities, non-for-profits or companies to the public
- Phytoremediation applications including but not limited to:
 - salinity control around lagoons
 - tree caps for decommissioned landfill for leachate control
 - forest filters on flood plains below landfills
 - effluent irrigation woodlots and much more

Great News about HELP Current Crop of Tree Seedlings

In response to supply chain concerns during Covid HELP embarked on a new strategy of over-producing tree stock and holding over more green house produced tree seedlings into their second year prior to sale. This ensures hardier lilac and evergreen stock especially.

New Sapling Production

In addition to 1,000,000 seedlings of diverse varieties, HELP now has available 10,000 saplings available in one liter to one gallon pots including: Tristis Poplar, Okanese Poplar, Prairie Sky Poplar and the majestic North West Poplar (up to 7 feet potted saplings) in addition to Laurel Leaf Willow, Golden Willow as well as three year old Scot's Pine.

Three ways to order:

- On Line: www.help-shelterbelts.com and click on 'store'
- Mail in paper order with cheque payment
- By phone to 306-861-0814

Tree Costs Lowest in Canada

HELP continues to keep its tree prices lowest in Canada of any private or non-subsidized social enterprise. Our patented tree production system and HELP volunteers are key in keeping tree pricing low. In addition to low cost seedlings, our charity provides early bird discounts up to 6 %, plus 5% bonus trees over top of what you order and an additional 10% (payable in large generic willow) for pick up customers. So potentially 21 percent in bonuses and/or discounts.

HELP also provides free trees exclusively for habitat plantings (to Saskatchewan residents only) in collaboration with Game Bird Trust and Shand Greenhouse.

Uber-like Tree Deliveries

HELP pays pick up customers to carry and hand over shipping customer trees at or within 50 km of shipping customer destination. This allows trees to be delivered same day and allows full leaf trees to be transported in open container.

Our research unit continues production of longer root willows to enhance drought resistance.

Shelterbelt Planting Assistance

In addition to free website and telephone advice on shelterbelt planning, on a contract basis provides leading edge field assistance in shelterbelt planting, plastic film mulching with funnels at each tree, and turf grass installation. HELP also installs drip irrigation on a contract basis across the three Prairie Provinces.

HRD News

I am proud to announce that, in addition to our volunteers, HELP International has added eight full time professional technicians possessing PhDs, MAs and B.Sc.s. These fine workers will help lead important research and meet rising demand for trees and tree planting services across the prairies.

HELP is extremely thankful to all the RMs, Prairie residents and Towns who continue to collaborate with us in vital tree planting that increases the quality of life for everyone.

Rodney Sidloski, CEO
HELP International