

Flyer and Application for Free Trees Free Mulch Free Drip Irrigation for Saskatchewan Landowners

Special Alert for Saskatchewan Residents Who Own Land in a Rural Municipality (ONLY FOR SASKATCHEWAN LANDOWNERS)

HELP International is submitting a major proposal to the federal government's Two Billion Tree Program.

HELP has provided an information release to all Saskatchewan RMs that proposes to provide free trees, free 3.2 mil plastic mulch as well as free drip irrigation to rate payers in seven municipalities per year.

To qualify for consideration an RM must identify seven landowners within the RM who wish to participate in the free tree, free plastic mulch and free drip irrigation program. The federal government is not convinced of the need for drip irrigation so asked that HELP itself provide the free drip irrigation component, which we agreed to.

Please find in attachment the flier we sent out to all Saskatchewan RMs. The current flier has some upgrades from the original flier.

*Each landowner would be provided free of charge with:

- A) 1000 free woody species 2 year old tree seedlings of their choice from all trees HELP has in its stock.
- B) 25 free three to seven feet tall potted sapling poplars or willows
- C) 50 free habitat berry producing brush trees chosen from chokecherry, dogwood, buffalo berry, sea buckthorn, sandcherry.
- D) 1,500 m of free ½ inch drip line with pre-installed emitters or free 1,500 m of heavy duty 7/8 inch drip line for punch and pop in emitters. Both lines come with tree line disk filter, valves and accessories.
- E) 1,500 m of 3.2 mil plastic mulch film

Remember, to qualify there should be seven landowners from an RM to qualify. If there are insufficient RMs with seven landowners who want the program then HELP will allow participation of landowners with the highest number of landowners who have applied.

Shipping: HELP will provide free shipping of the trees, plastic mulch and drip irrigation materials to each participating RM.

Advice: In addition to a wealth of valuable information on shelterbelt planning on our website, HELP will provide free telephone advice with landowners in assisting the planning of shelterbelt and plantings for any other purpose.

Should producers or acreage owners require an on-site assessment and planning session, HELP will provide a one to two hour on site for a cost to the landowner of \$250. This rate only applies to on site assessments for those participating in the free tree, mulch, drip irrigation program.

The program requires landowners to install the trees, plastic mulch and drip irrigation on their own. HOWEVER, if landowners prefer, they can contract HELP or its affiliate organization GRDC to install at contract rates. Cost of installation of 1075 trees on up to 3,000 m of tree lines, plus install plastic mulch and drip irrigation on 1,500 meters of those tree lines the contract cost for HELP assisted installation would be \$4,500. HELP and its affiliate GRDC is not looking for this work but if required we consider ourselves the most efficient and accurate in planting, mulching and irrigation installation with several field innovations built in including the construction of a 2-4 gallon water well/funnel at each tree seedling.

If you wish to be considered please mobilize your neighbors and send this expression of interest below to helpint@sasktel.net and send a copy of the same to your RM office. The revised deadline for landowner expression of interest is February 28. Deadline for RM expression of interest to HELP is March 30.

Actual tree programming under this first round of free materials program is 2025 and 2026.

Name: _____

RM Name: _____

Your Cell Tel: _____

Your Email: _____

I hereby declare my interest in the HELP administered program under the 2-Billion Tree Program.

I have access to the machinery to pre-work by deep fine tilling 3,000 meters of tree lines (Example: 1,000 meters x three tree lines or four tree rows of 750 m or five rows of 600 m etc). I will ensure I can sink up to my ankles in well worked garden texture soil with fiber removed or totally incorporated.

My situation for planting, mulch laying and drip line installation:

- A. I am totally capable of installing the free materials on my own YES NO
- B. I can install on my own but with HELP's website & Call in advice to educate myself more YES NO
- C. I intend on paying \$250 to access HELP's on site assessment and planning session at my land location YES NO
- D. I would rather contract HELP or its affiliate GRDC to contract install 3,000 m of trees plus 1,500 m of plastic mulch and 1,500 m of drip line and construct manifolds etc with me providing tractor/driver and two assistants and a quad plus one 5-10 lb stone for each seedling and to work with HELP and with HELP bringing technical team, free materials plus tree planter, mulch machine, and drip line reels etc. I understand that contracting HELP or GRDC to assist in installation will cost me \$4,500. I probably intend to contract these HELP or GRDC services YES NO

The reasons for my tree planting includes the following (Mark an X on all that apply i.e.: an X means Yes

Shelterbelt Habitat Development Carbon Sequestration and Oxygen Production

Field boundaries Converting Cultivated Stream Margin to forest buffer Other: Describe:

Note the participation does depend upon approval of HELP's proposal by the federal government. To show HELP's goodwill, should the program not receive

federal government funding HELP will provide a special 30% discount off any trees, plastic mulch and drip line and accessories to any 2-Billion Tree Program applicant who wishes to purchase the materials if HELP is not provided by federal government. HOWEVER, HELP is confident that federal government funding will be achieved.

Please email this application to HELP at helpint@sasktel.net

Or send by Canada Post to: HELP International
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