

HELP International



HELP International Shelterbelt Center

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2026 Subsidized Shelterbelt Program Launch

Dear Customers,

HELP International remains committed to its long-standing promise to provide **the lowest-cost highest quality trees in Canada**—supporting landowners, municipalities, and communities in establishing sustainable shelterbelts and woodlots.

While many retailers charge \$13 per seedling for 4–8 inch yearling lilac and caragana, HELP continues to offer all varieties at the following subsidized rates:

- 1-year seedlings: \$2.50 each2-year seedlings: \$3.50 each
- **3-year seedlings (double root ball):** \$5.00 each (*Prices based on orders of 50 or more per variety*)

Order now to receive up to 22% additional savings through combined early-bird discounts and tree bonuses for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2026 plantings.

Available Products for 2026

Tree Seedlings • Potted Saplings • Plastic Mulch Film • Drip Irrigation

Expanded Tree Inventory (2,000,000 Seedlings)

Hybrid Poplars: Tristis, Okanese, Prairie Sky, Sundance, Hill, Walker, Assiniboine, Northwest

Willows: Golden, Silverleaf, Laurel Leaf, Shrub Willow, Bebbs, Pussy, Sandbar

Deciduous Trees: Manitoba Maple, American Elm, Green Ash

Shrubs: Velosa Lilac, Common Lilac, Dogwood, Shrub Willow

Conifers: White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Scots Pine

Seedlings are available in 1-, 2-, and 3-year-old stock.

Potted Saplings (50,000 available, 1–3L pots)

Golden Willow: 6–10 ft
Silverleaf Willow: 3–6 ft
Laurel Leaf Willow: 3–4 ft
Okanese & Tristis Poplar: 4–7 ft

• White & Blue Spruce, Scots Pine: 24–30 in

Large orders (e.g., 3,000+ potted saplings) can be supplied without limitation.

Mulch and Irrigation Systems

Plastic Mulch Film:

HELP pioneered industry-leading **3 mil** mulch and now offers an even thicker **3.2 mil** option—featuring HELP's innovative **3–5 gallon rain funnel** design at each seedling. *Consult our website for funnel making instruction*.

Drip Irrigation:

- 1" drip line with fittings, available in 2 L/hr or 4 L/hr emitters (for runs over/under 500 m)
- ½" drip line with pre-installed 1 L/hr emitters (spaced ~95 cm, ideal for runs under 300 m)
- Complete range of accessories: filters, valves, Ts, unions, elbows, and manifolds

Planting & Care Recommendations

Drought-Proofing Strategies

- 1. **Prepare soil thoroughly:** Cultivate to at least 5" deep (loose enough to sink to your ankles).
- 2. **Plant deep:** Bury the full root plus 2–3" of lower stem underground.
- 3. **Watering:** Provide approximately 10 L per seedling weekly, allowing soil to dry between waterings.

Conifer Planting Tip:

For spruce and pine, choose **2- or preferably 3-year-old stock** for improved survival, reduced winter burn, and less replanting in open, exposed areas.

Contract Installation Services

HELP provides **professional installation** of trees, mulch, and drip irrigation systems during **spring**, **summer**, **and fall**. Contact us for a customized quote, or schedule a **2–4 hour on-site assessment and planning session** with our team.

Research & Education

When you purchase from HELP, you directly support our ongoing silviculture research in:

- Drought-resistant tree establishment
- Low-cost production and planting technologies
- Sustainable dryland forestry systems
- Floating tree production and live storage system (Canadian and US patents)

Ask about our current research projects or inquire about our **volunteer-with-benefits internship opportunities**.

Support HELP's Mission

HELP International is a **non-profit corporation** and **federally registered charity.**

We issue tax receipts for donations of land, equipment, or bequests.

Your contributions help expand our ability to deliver **affordable**, **climate-resilient tree planting** across the Prairies.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued partnership in greening our Prairie Provinces.

Please contact us with any questions. To place your 2026 order go to:

□ www.help-shelterbelts.com

Warm regards,

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