

Lebanon District offers tree seedlings

LEBANON — For the fourth consecutive year, the Lebanon County Conservation District is offering landowners the opportunity to save energy and enhance their property through the purchase of evergreen and deciduous tree seedlings, announced Gene Odato, forester with the District.

"The evergreens that are being offered are blue spruce, Norway spruce, white pine and douglas fir. These trees are 3 years old, which makes for easy handling and planting," said Odato.

The blue spruce is an excellent tree for yard plantings and windbreaks, he added. Because of its silver blue and green colors, it is highly sought after for beautifying yards. Although it is a slow grower, it can reach heights of 40 feet and crown spreads of 25 feet.

Norway spruce is a fast growing tree that has been extensively planted throughout Pennsylvania for timber and pulpwood production. It is also used for ornamental purposes because of its straight tapering form and its upswinging branches. Under ideal conditions this tree can reach a maximum height of 125' and 3 feet in diameter.

Douglas fir grows to 200 feet, will reach 6 feet in 9-10 years, starting with a 3 year seedling and has short, soft blue-green needles. This tree grows fastest in moist well drained, light soil in full sun and will not do well in heavy, wet, clay soil.

The Douglas fir, is the largest lumber producing tree in America, providing the country with 60 percent of its timber. It is also the most popular Christmas tree because of its color, symmetrical

form and its ability to hold its needles for a long time.

White pine is one of the most beautiful and useful forest trees native to Pennsylvania. It is used for timber and pulpwood production, interior finish, cabinet work and many other articles.

White pine does well on a range of soils and is a fast growing tree. It is recommended for Christmas tree use and as a windbreak because of its deep roots. White Pine grows to 100 feet tall and 2-4 feet in diameter.

Red oak, one of the hardwoods available, grows to 75 feet. Its dense, lustrous foliage turns a deep red in the fall.

Red oak grows best in sandy to rich loamy soils in full sun, and is the fastest growing of all oaks and one of the most popular ornamental oaks.

Sugar maple is also known as the rock maple. This tree grows to 120 feet with dense, deep green, lobed leaves that turn yellow to orange and red in the fall. Sugar maple thrives in most well drained soil and is one of the best and most common of our native shade trees.

It sheds less than other maples in snow, ice, and windstorms. It is very important in the production of maple sugar and syrup.

Black walnut is one of the most highly prized trees in North America. Southeast Pennsylvania isn't the best area to grow walnut, but it will do well on deep rich soils. It can grow to 90 feet tall and 3 feet in diameter.

White flowering dogwood is considered to be the best ornamental tree native to northeastern United States. It blooms in late May and produces red

berries in the fall. Dogwood is an attractive, small tree that does well on average to good soil.

Russian olive has been noted as a good wildlife tree since it provides a nice crop of silver-yellow berries in the fall. It grows to a height of 20 feet. Russian Olive does well with only a one-half day of sun in average moisture conditions on ordinary soil.

"Many woodland owners ask about planting trees in their already existing timber stand," said Odato. "In most cases this is not feasible because of natural succession and animal damage."

Evergreens are packaged in bundles of ten and are \$2.65 a bundle. The hardwoods are \$1.30 each. All seedlings can be ordered by contacting the Lebanon Con-

servation District, Room 110, Municipal Building, Lebanon, PA 17042, telephone 717/272-3377.

Deadline for orders is March 27. Pick-up dates are April 24 (10 a.m. -

3 p.m.) and April 25 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.).

Information on how and where to plant will be available when the trees are picked up.

Lebanon Tree Seedling Order Blank

EVERGREENS: One bundle of 10 seedlings of same variety @ \$2.65/bundle + \$.15 (6% tax) = \$2.80

BUNDLES OF TEN	# of Bundles	Total Cost
White Pine (6-12")	_____	_____
Douglas Fir (6-12")	_____	_____
Norway Spruce (5-10")	_____	_____
Blue Spruce (5-10")	_____	_____
TOTAL EVERGREENS	_____	_____

HARDWOODS \$1.30 each + .08 (6% sales tax) = \$1.38 each

	# of Trees	Total Cost
Flowering Dogwood (12-18")	_____	_____
Sugar Maple (6-12")	_____	_____
Walnut (12-18")	_____	_____
Red Oak (8-12")	_____	_____
Russian Olive (10-20")	_____	_____
TOTAL HARDWOODS	_____	_____

TOTAL ORDER

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