

Jefferson County Conservation District Plant Sale Policies

Purpose: The purpose of the Jefferson County Conservation District annual plant sale is to make inexpensively-priced native trees and shrubs available to the public to enhance natural biodiversity and sequester carbon.

Placing Your Order: Plants are “conservation grade,” meaning they are graded on their ability to survive, not on their ornamental value. Most species are bare-rooted and are in bundles of ten. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis and **must be pre-ordered at our online store**. Quantities are limited, so please order early. Ordering for this year’s sale will end Friday, January 27th, 2023, or when stocks run out. **Plants will not be sold on plant pick-up day.**

Returns: To keep costs down, we do not accept returns or exchanges. If you have made an order and would like more plants, please place another order online. **All sales are final.**

Order Pick-Up: **All orders must be picked up on Saturday, February 25th, 2023** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Horticultural Building, 4907 Landes St. in Port Townsend. We will contact you closer to that date for you to choose a time slot for pick-up. Check your order before leaving the fairgrounds. **The district is not responsible for plants once removed from the fairgrounds.**

Plants Left After Pick-up Day: Due to the fragile nature of bare-root plants, **any plants not picked up on the day of sale will be contributed to local agencies and non-profit organizations for the benefit of the public.** Public benefits include conservation projects that enhance habitat, as well as outreach and education projects that promote the planting of native trees and shrubs. **No refunds will be issued for plant orders not picked up.**

Plant Availability: We will do our very best to fill your entire order, however we cannot guarantee the availability of plants. We order our plants from the nursery 6-12 months before the sale date and uncontrollable situations, such as crop failure, could prevent one or more species from being available. If we cannot fill part or all of your order, you may choose to substitute another species (if available) or receive a refund. We thank you in advance for your grace and understanding.

Plant Mortality: We cannot guarantee the survival of your plants. Generally, expect about 10-20% mortality. However, this could vary depending on site conditions, species, and on how plants are handled after pick-up. For best survival, plant them as soon as possible at their final location, in pots, or heel them in. **Make sure to keep the roots moist until they are in the soil.** Although these are native plants which should require minimal maintenance once established, expect to water them for the first few years, especially when conditions are hot and dry. **There are no refunds for plant mortality.**