

# 2024 Tree Sale: What You Should Know



Each year we receive questions regarding our order form. We would like to take the opportunity to explain a few things. Lets start with the basics. Everything we sell is **Bareroot** or lacking a rootball and it does not have soil surrounding its roots. **Seedlings** are grown from seeds that are planted in a bed together and are “barerooted” when extracted from the soil to be packaged for distribution. **Transplants** are seedlings that have been moved into more widely spaced rows where they have more room to grow. **Coniferous** trees produce cones and do not drop their “leaves” in the winter while **Deciduous** trees lose their leaves annually. All of our deciduous species are seedlings, while all of our coniferous species are transplants.

As you look at the order form, the first thing you will see is the **Species** name and **Approximate Size**. In addition to the estimated size in inches, you will see two numbers with a dash (2-2). The number before the dash indicates the number of years it was raised in a seed bed. The number following the dash is the number of years it has been transplanted on its own. Adding these two numbers together gives you the age of the tree. Sometimes you will see something like 2-2/P+2, meaning this particular tree is 4 years old, 2 years in a seed bed then 2 years on its own, or it was started as a plug (P) in its own plastic tube then moved out on its own for two more years. Please keep in mind the sizes listed are approximate sizes given to us by our supplier and are not guaranteed. The **Zone** refers to the extreme temperatures that the plant can tolerate and grow successfully. The lower the number the greater the cold tolerance. The **Soil Preference** defines the most suitable soil type that the tree can grow in, although other soil types do not preclude it from growing. Use the guide at the bottom of the form for the soil preference definitions. The **Growth Rate** lets you know if the tree will grow quickly. Some species grow much faster than others. The **Sun Preference** column displays full sun, partial sun, or full shade graphics depicting the preference of each species.

Our **Deciduous and Coniferous Trees** are sold in packs of **10, 20, 50, or 100**. As you look across the order form at the prices, look up to find the corresponding quantity. **Shrubs and Fruit** are sold individually and the each price is listed. Bare root shrubs are similar to deciduous trees at our sale. Many of them are not branched and only require the root system to establish when planting. **Packets** contain two of each species listed for the price shown. **Wildflower Seeds** are available in two varieties; Sunny and Shady. Each variety is available in two sizes, 1 ounce or 4 ounce, and the price for each is listed. We also offer Fertilizer Tablets and Marking Flags. The **Fertilizer Tablets** that we sell are N-P-K, 20-5-10 (Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium) and each tablet will feed for up to two years. These are not meant to be tossed in the hole when you plant your tree and should not be used on seedlings! Fertilizer directly touching roots can burn them. The best way to use the tablets is after the transplant is planted back to the original depth and covered with soil, a hole is poked off to the side of the trunk at a diagonal angle and the tablet is put inside so rainfall can gradually dissipate the nutrients of the tablets to the roots over time. The **Marking Flags** are pink flags on 36” wire posts that can be used to help identify where you planted your smaller seedlings.

Some people ask if they will need a trailer to pick up their trees. The answer is no. Most packed orders can be carried in your arms. If you order 100 or more, the trees will most likely be packed in 4-5’ boxes that would easily fit in your trunk or backseat. All of our orders are hand packed by our staff. We add a root gel to keep moisture on the roots, and carefully wrap each order in craft paper and a plastic bag to keep the roots dark. The trees will be in a dormant state when you pick them up and keeping the roots dark and cool will help maintain their dormancy until you plant them. We recommend that you pant your order as soon as possible. Keep your plants in a cool dark place, like a cellar or garage, until you are ready to plant them. **DO NOT ADD WATER** to the bag. The root gel we add will keep your roots plenty moist for a few days until you get them planted. Dumping water in the bag may cause your roots to rot if left too long before planting. When planting, it is recommended that they are replanted to the original depth. You should be able to easily tell where this was by looking at the trunk. **HAPPY PLANTING!**



Above: Packed Tree Orders



Above: Deciduous Seedlings



Below: Coniferous Transplants in varying sizes