

# Pre-Order Tree Shelters

Tree shelters are made of thin walled PVC which diffuses light for increased photosynthesis. This creates a greenhouse effect which boosts tree growth. It is not uncommon for a tree to grow out of the top of a 3' shelter by the end of the first growing season.

Wildlife browse (tops of trees eaten by wildlife) is one of the major factors that limits tree growth and survival of the newly planted seedlings. The shelter protects the tree until it reaches above the browse line. A 3' shelter would protect trees from small rodents, rabbits and light deer browse. For areas where deer browse is a moderate to severe problem, 4' and 5' shelters respectfully would work best. The top of the tree shelter is covered with mesh netting that prevents insects from entering and also keeps wasp from building nest inside the tube.

How many times have you planted a tree seedling and it has been cut down because you didn't remember where it was planted? With a tree shelter, you would no longer have that problem. Shelters mark each tree making them easy to see. You can now weed-eat around your trees without the fear of injuring the seedlings.

Tree shelters are used on hardwood deciduous trees and can not be used for coniferous trees (evergreens). Each thin walled PVC tree shelter comes with a bamboo stake, zip ties and a net. The tree shelter will protect the seedling throughout the first years of growth and will not need to be removed until it is outgrown. Tree shelters are reusable!

The district is taking pre-orders for tree shelters ("tree tubes") this year during the tree seedling sale. All shelters must be pre-ordered and paid for by Friday, February 24, 2012 to insure delivery date by mid-April. Tree shelters will be available for pick up at the same time as seedlings. For more information on our tree sale and tree shelters, contact Clayton Rico at 740-454-2027.

We encourage pre-ordering the shelters, as there may not be any available otherwise.

## Tree Shelter Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### Three Foot Tree Shelter

\$4.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Four Foot Tree Shelter

\$5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Five Foot Tree Shelter

\$6.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to: **MSWCD**  
Sales tax included in cost

## Consider tree shelters when ordering your seedlings.

