



Planning for Spring—

The chill of Fall is in the air and we are all out trying to take advantage of those last warm days of the season. For most of us, this time of year is spent cleaning out flowerbeds, harvesting the last of our gardens and tilling our garden spots to prepare them for next years planting. This is also a great time to start thinking about planting that windbreak or living snow fence to protect those special areas from the howling wind and drifting snow. Just as we prepare our gardens for next year, we must also prepare a place for seedling trees if we want them to survive.

Proper site preparation is one of the best ways to improve the survival of your newly planted trees and shrubs. Preliminary groundwork reduces competition from weedy species, conserves soil moisture, and makes planting easier. Site preparation actually begins the year before planting and depends on the condition of your site. Proper site preparation before planting should consist of all sod and vegetation being removed from the planting area or at least an area 8 feet wide and 8" deep where each row of trees will be planted. Site preparation should be done during the fall of the year prior to planting and left fallow to accumulate moisture.

Site prep can be done using plows, disks, or roto-tillers to remove competing vegetation from the planting site. Plow or disk 8 foot wide strips where the tree rows will be planted. Leaving vegetation between the tree rows will help prevent soil erosion. Mechanical site preparation must take place in the fall prior to planting and again in the spring just before planting.

As with any type of planting, it's important to have a planting plan in place. What is your soil like? Is there water readily available? How many seedlings will you need? These are just a few of the questions you will need to answer in order to have a successful planting. If you aren't sure where to begin, or even if you just have a question or two, we can help!! Give us a call and we can assist you with your planting design.

If you are delaying your planting because of the tough economy, we can help with that too! UCCD has a cost share program that can help you offset some of the costs of installing your planting. Applications for our program are due March 1st of each year and are available at the office or on our website at www.uintacountycd.com.



Things To Consider

When Ordering Trees

- Where will the planting go?
- What do you want to accomplish with your planting?
- What type of soil is in the area?
- How will you water your planting?
- Are there any utilities in the area?
- How will you protect your planting?

SEEDLING TREE ORDER FORMS will be available at the Conservation District office in the Lyman Town Hall, at the Extension Office in Evanston and on our website by the end of October. We would be happy to mail you an order form as well, just give us a call at (307) 747-8223! Place your orders early for the best selection!!

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Fifth Grade Youth Camp

Each year during the month of September, the UCSD #4 5th Graders get the opportunity to spend a day at the Uinta County Youth Camp facility. The students get to learn from many different instructors about a variety of topics. Most of the learning sessions are done outside, using the outdoors as a classroom. This year, Dannette helped 54 students discover tree cookies, using the Project Learning Tree (PLT) program. The students learned about tree growth, environmental and historical changes by looking at annual rings. The students also gained an understanding of the conditions that trees need to live and grow and that trees often have to compete for their needs. This activity was simulated through the PLT “Every Tree for Itself activity”.



Adopt-A-Rancher Program

New this year is our Adopt-A-Rancher classroom program. From fall to spring classrooms have the opportunity to interact with a rancher through letters, pictures and videos and gain valuable knowledge through the ranchers experience. Each month there will be a new topic, some of the topics include the ranch history, cattle drives, calving and feeding. Students will exchange letters with the rancher about a specific topic each month. A classroom visit includes an agricultural bi-product activity. After the students correspond with their rancher throughout the school year, UCCD will host a “meet your rancher” field trip. This is a great opportunity for your students to learn about agriculture in Uinta County and gain hands-on information about life as a rancher. This year 64 third graders from Fort Bridger have adopted a rancher. Letters have already begun and we are excited to see the progress and outcome of this program.

Education Assistance Grants

For over 60 years, the Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) has promoted the stewardship of our natural resources through education and project implementation. A key component in this stewardship is actively working with the youth of Uinta County. The conservation district is offering grants to assist in this education. This unique opportunity is available to conservation minded educators for conservation, natural resource and agricultural related outdoor education. The grants are available for up to \$1,000 per event.

World Water Monitoring Day

It is that time again—time to check the health of our streams. UCCD will celebrate by taking Mountain View 5th graders down to the Smiths Fork river to test the pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity of the water. After collecting the results, the students will calculate the flow of the water by dumping environmentally friendly bright green dye into the water and timing how fast the dye travels down stream.

WWMD is an educational outreach program developed to provide awareness and encourage communities to be proactive in protecting our waterways. WWMD day is celebrated internationally with 39 countries celebrating together in 2006, and 3900 sites monitored. WWMD is a great opportunity to participate and become informed about the health of our local waterways.

Check Out Our Resources

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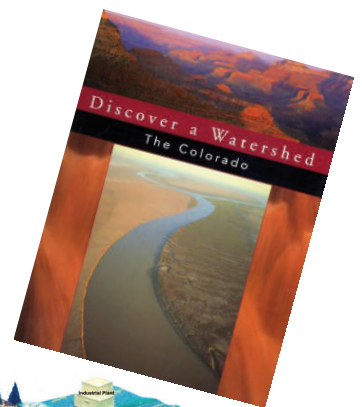
Animal Tracks Replicas

Ag In The Classroom
Tool Chests

pH & DO
Test Kits

Tree Cookies

Enviroscape



If you are interested in checking out our resources, please give us a call at (307) 747-8224

UCCD Offers Financial Assistance Through Cost Share Programs

The Uinta County Conservation District offers several cost-share programs to assist landowners, homeowners, groups and other organizations apply soil and water conservation practices, complete enhancement projects and improve natural resource education. By “sharing the cost” with UCCD, Uinta County residents can undertake projects that they could not afford to do on their own.

The following are some of the cost share programs currently available at UCCD. However, don't feel confined by just the programs that are listed here, if you have a resource concern or a project in mind, don't hesitate to ask if it would qualify for cost share assistance from the District.

Tree Planting/Windbreak Program

UCCD developed this program to encourage landowners to plant well designed, quality windbreaks. This program could also be used for other tree plantings such as Living Snow Fences. The program provides 50% cost share up to \$5,000 per landowner. All projects must meet a minimum set of requirements to be eligible for the program.

Septic System Improvement Program

The purpose of this program is to reduce water quality impacts from failing or inadequate septic systems. Cost share for this program is available at 25%, 50% and 75% cost share depending on the particular project. A straight pipe from the house to the river would be considered a high risk and would be eligible for 75% cost share, if the septic system is failing and impacts surface water, but not on a major stream the cost share would be less. All projects are done on a voluntary basis.

Animal Feeding Operation Program (AFO Program)

This program was developed to reduce water quality impacts from livestock operations. These include working corrals or other corral systems that confine livestock, are void of vegetation and provide direct and continuous access to surface water by the livestock. This program offers financial assistance to completely remove the corral system and re-locate it to an area that does not impact surface water or to fence off the water gap and provide water at another location so the livestock will not have to access the river for drinking. There are many other options available for these situations as well. This program provides up to 50% cost share per project.

Water Development Program

Due to the lack of water resources, especially in remote locations, UCCD offers up to 50% cost share for water development projects, including solar wells. Contact UCCD if you have a project that may qualify for this program.

Conservation Assistance Grants

UCCD offers three, \$1,000 grants to individuals, groups or organizations for conservation and natural resource related projects and education. Applications for these grants are due in March each year.

Education Assistance Grants

This is a new program with the purpose of getting students out of the classroom and into the outdoors to gain hands on experience while learning about agriculture and natural resources. These grants are available for up to \$1,000 per event to cover costs such as camp fees, lodging, meals, transportation and educational materials.

More information about all of these programs is available on our website at www.uintacountycd.com. You may also call or stop by the office if you have any questions or have a project in mind.

All of our programs are voluntary, confidential and very easy to participate in. Please give us a call today and let us help you find a solution to your resource concerns!

**Be Watching for
These Upcoming Events**



**Composting Workshop
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- Provide youth and adult natural resource education, and more...

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