

Celebrating Arbor Day



Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care.

National Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, and is celebrated on the last Friday in April.

**In recognition of Arbor Day
Roberts Conservation District is giving you a
Black Hills Spruce tree!**

Planting Instructions

- ◆ **Place the potted tree in the ground to the depth of the dirt in the pot.** *If there is tarpaper sticking up above the dirt tear the extra away. The paper should tear off easily at the first staple. (Optional — carefully remove the entire tar pot)*
- ◆ **Do not let the tree dry out!** *If the tarpaper is sticking out of the ground it acts as a wick and dries out the roots, which you do not want to happen.*
- ◆ **It's very important that the potted tree is not planted too deep as that could choke the tree, causing it to die.**

● **GENERAL DISCRPTION - BLACK HILLS SPRUCE** (*Picea glauca var. densata*)



Type of tree:

The Black Hills Spruce falls into the following type(s): **Conifer or Evergreen**



Mature Height:

The Black Hills Spruce grows to be 30' - 60' feet in height.



Mature Spread:

The Black Hills Spruce has a spread of about 15' - 25' at full maturity.



Growth Rate:

This tree grows at a slow growth rate



Sun:

This spruce does well in full sun, partial shade.



Soil:

The Black Hills spruce grows in acid, moist, gravelly or sandy loam, fine clay soils.

Moisture:

The Black Hills spruce prefers moist, well drained soil, but will tolerate dry, well drained sites.

