

To: Arbor Day Tree Contact  
From: Burlington County Soil Conservation District  
Date: March 18, 2004  
Re: Arbor Day Trees

The tradition of planting trees on **Arbor Day** was first celebrated in Nebraska in 1872. J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraskan farmer, convinced the Board of Agriculture to set aside a day for planting trees. The common goal was to provide beauty and the conservation benefits of trees across the land. Since that time, more than 130 years have passed, and the tradition continues to be celebrated in every state.

New Jersey celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April, which this year falls on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Burlington County Soil Conservation District invites your school to continue the tradition of Arbor Day by ordering one of the complimentary trees that we offer annually to all Burlington County schools, both public and private. This year's selection is a balled, four to five foot "**Chanticleer Flowering Pear**" or "**Prairifire Flowering Crabapple**". On the order form, PLEASE SELECT which tree you would like to receive. EACH school to receive a tree needs to return an order form to the District.

The "**Chanticleer Flowering Pear**" is an upright oval branching tree, which grows to heights of 35 to 40 feet and has rich dark green foliage that turns bronze in the fall. It has white blossoms in the spring. This tree bears small fruit that provides a food source for a wide variety of birds.

The "**Prairifire Flowering Crabapple**" grows to heights of approximately 20 feet tall. Its red maroon to reddish-green foliage compliments the pinkish-red flowers it bears in spring. An exceptionally attractive tree.

If your school is interested in reserving a tree for Arbor Day, please complete and return the attached order form to the District by **Friday April 23, 2004**. An acknowledgement of your request, including the pick-up date, will be sent upon receipt of your order form. Should you have any questions, please contact Glenn Ward at (609)-267-7410.

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**2004 Arbor Day Tree Order Form**  
**RESPOND BY APRIL 23, 2004**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Select **ONE**: \_\_\_ Chanticleer Flowering Pear \_\_\_ Prairifire Flowering Crabapple

**NOTE: The "Chanticleer Flowering Pear" and the "Prairifire Flowering Crabapple" are limited in quantity and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The Burlington County Soil Conservation District reserves the right to make substitutions if necessary.**

**Return order forms to:** Burlington County Soil Conservation District  
Tiffany Square, Suite 100; 1289 Route 38  
Hainesport, NJ 08036