

CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Community Canopy

Cost Share Criteria

The Converse County Conservation District Community Canopy Cost Share Program is a reimbursable, 50% cost-share up to \$2,000.00 for trimming and removal of trees on private property in Converse County.

1. All requests for consideration shall be in writing and signed by the property owner.
2. Each property is eligible for consideration once per budget year.
3. Each property is eligible to receive up to half of the cost of trimming and/or removal of trees not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per budget year.
4. More than one tree may be trimmed/removed in so long as the cost reimbursement does not exceed the \$2,000.00 limit per property.
5. Property owner is responsible for full payment to the contractor. All payments received by the property owner will be on a reimbursement basis after the District has received proof of payment (invoice).
6. No tenant, renter, or person other than the property owner shall be considered unless formally authorized by the property owner in writing to conduct such modifications. Any such authorization shall be in writing and require a notary signature/stamp.
7. The Converse County Conservation District and its elected officials, employees and agents hereinafter referred to collectively as "the District" shall not be liable to the Property Owner for any damage to persons or property arising out of, or connected in any way with the trimming/removal of trees of Property Owner. Property Owner agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District from any and all claims, lawsuits, losses and liability by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising out of or connected in any way with the trimming or removal of Property Owner's trees or in connection with any act of negligence or omission of Contractors or any of its agents, servants or employees arising out of or connected in any way with the trimming/removal of Property Owner's trees.

Property Owner Responsibilities:

1. All work to be performed on trees shall be first authorized by a District representative following a site visit.
2. The property owner shall obtain an estimate for the work to be done from a licensed contractor prior to application.
3. The property owner shall complete and submit to the District, a cost share application/agreement available from Converse County Conservation District. A cost estimate from a licensed contractor shall be attached to the application.

4. Upon approval of application by the authorized District representative, the property owner shall notify the contractor to proceed.
5. Upon completion of authorized work, the homeowner shall notify the District to verify work is complete and accepted.
6. After contractor has been paid in full by the homeowner, proof of payment and a signed copy of the application shall be delivered to the District office.
7. Reimbursement in the amount of 50% (up to \$2,000) will be scheduled to pay at the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.