

# Lower Republican NRD Review



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## Chemigation Training Dates 2021

If the expiration date on your application is dated January 2021 or states expired, the certified chemigation applicator listed is no longer certified. If someone else provides this chemigation service for you, please verify their recertification along with their expiration date, and signature and indicate appropriately on the application form. If you need to recertify, please do so as soon as possible. Due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, in-person class sizes will be limited. If you would like to attend in-person training rather than use the online option, please contact your local UNL Extension Office to inquire about pre-registration.

## College Scholarships

Each year, the LRNRD offers three \$1,000 scholarships for conservation education. To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must have a permanent residence within our District, plan to major in a natural resource related field (i.e. forestry, park management, agronomy, agri-business, etc.), must attend a Nebraska college or University and be registered full time. The deadline for applications is **April 1**. Applications and additional information regarding these scholarships are available on our website at [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org) under the News and Information tab or at the LRNRD office in Alma.

## State Land Judging

This years State Land Judging competition was held near McCool Junction and was hosted by the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. Schools from the Lower Republican Natural Resources District competing in this years competition were Alma and Red Cloud.

Contestants evaluate the soil's thickness, texture, and particle size. They look at the slope of the land and determine the possible erosion and flooding potential. They classify the soil based on those and many other factors.

Placing third in the state competition and qualifying for the National Land Judging competition is the team from Red Cloud. Team members are (L/R) Travis Rippen, Ben Ely, Marissa Hersh, and Evan Schroyer. Congratulations to these contestants and best of luck at Nationals!



# REMINDER:

## DEADLINE FOR CHEMIGATION, POOLING AND OCCUPATION TAX EXEMPTION FORM IS JUNE 1.

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### Chemigation

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) requires all applicators of fertilizer or pesticide to land or crops through an irrigation system to be licensed and obtain a permit. The LRNRD's renewal permits have been mailed. Please review the application and update any of the bulleted items below.

- \* Any errors (name, address, etc.),
- \* Missing applications from last year,
- \* Chemicals applied, and acres irrigated in 2020,
- \* Signature for **both** the Permit Holder and Applicator are **required** on all application forms.
- \* **NOTE:** Please indicate the application in **pounds**, not gallons\*

Completed applications must be received in our office **on or before June 1, 2021**.

The NDEE requires Chemigation systems to be inspected every four years. However, Chemigation in or near Wellhead Protection areas may be inspected at any time.

The LRNRD appreciates your attention and time for getting inspections completed. Scheduled appointments are prioritized by new permits then renewal permits. Any missed or canceled appointments may be assessed a \$100.00 fee. You will be notified by the LRNRD if you are due for an inspection and a technician will set up an appointment to inspect your site. All permit fees and replacement parts must be paid for prior to or at the time of inspection.

If you did not renew your Chemigation permit last year, or you have a new site in which you will be applying chemical, you must apply for a new Chemigation permit and have it inspected by a LRNRD technician before chemical can be applied. Permits are available on our website at: [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org).

Please contact the LRNRD if you have any questions or need to apply for a New Chemigation permit.

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### Pooling

LRNRD irrigators have two methods of pooling water. Pooling Arrangements involve a single landowner while Pooling Agreements are between two or more owners of land under common management. Penalties apply for overuse. The LRNRD Groundwater Rules and Regulations are posted on our website at [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office. Pooling Agreement(s)/Arrangement(s) must be filled out at the District office and notarized signatures are required for both owners and operators. Forms must be completed by **June 1st** to be effective for the 2021 irrigation season. Pooling shall stay in place until written cancellation of the Arrangement/Agreement is received.

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### Occupation Tax Exemption

To be exempt from 2021 Occupation Tax you must complete an exemption form that identifies the amount and location of the certified irrigated acres that will not be irrigated in 2021. The exemption form is available at the LRNRD office or on our website: [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org). Forms must be received by **June 1st**.

Exempted groundwater acres will not receive an allocation for that year. **Ground that is enrolled in EQIP, AWEP, or CREP must have an exemption form filled out each year it is in the program.** Strict penalties will apply to any violators.



# Trees Available

The deadline for tree orders is **March 5th**. Cost share is available from the LRNRD on minimum orders of 100 trees or plantings of \$100 or more. Place your orders at your County NRCS office for spring planting. Below is the 2021 list of trees and shrubs. Please contact your local NRCS office for availability.

CONIFERS	
Eastern Red Cedar	Oak, Swamp White
Rocky Mountain Juniper	Silver Maple
Jack Pine	Dwarf Chinkapin
Scotch Pine	
Southwestern White Pine	
BROADLEAFS	SHRUBS
American Elm	American Plum, Angustivoli
Black Walnut	Caragana
Cottonwood, Hybrid	Chokecherry
Crabapple	Cotoneaster, Peking
Green Ash	Currant, Golden
Honeylocust	Dogwood, Red-Osier
Oak, bur	Elderberry
Oak, Liaotung	Lilac, Common
Oak, Red	Serviceberry
Oak, Schutte's	Sumac, Skunkbush
	Wood Rose
	Sandcherry
	Vilosa Lilac
	False Indigo

## LIMITED QUANTITIES OF THE FOLLOWING TREES;

Colorado Blue Spruce  
Pondarosa Pine  
Black Hills Spruce  
Norway Spruce  
Austrian Pine  
Amur Maple  
Catalpa  
Hackberry  
American Plum  
Buffaloberry  
Chokeberry, McKenzie  
Hazelnut  
Nanking Cherry  
Manchurian Apricot

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Assistant Manager Position Opening

The Lower Republican Natural Resources District (LRNRD) is accepting applications for an Assistant Manager at the District Office located in Alma, NE. The candidate must have experience and a degree in Natural Resources, Hydrology, Engineering, or an Agricultural related field. Knowledge of groundwater management and conservation activities in the Republican River Basin would be an asset. Responsibilities include supervising professional and technical staff in the following areas: flow meter reading and maintenance program, nitrate level testing, static water level measurements, tree program, and groundwater project development and management. The LRNRD prefers a candidate with experience and proven skills in these areas: ARC-GIS, MS Office, staff supervision, and public speaking. The District provides employee health, dental and vision insurance as well as a retirement program. Interested parties should submit an application and resume to the Lower Republican Natural Resources District, PO Box 618, Alma, NE 68920. Applications must be received in the District office by close of business on February 26th. Applications are available on our website at [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org) or by calling 308-928-2182.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5**—Tree Order Deadline

**March 11**—Board Meeting 2 pm, LRNRD

**April 1**—LRNRD College Scholarship Application Deadline

**April 8**—Board Meeting 7 pm, LRNRD

**April 22, 2021**—Earth Day

**April 28, 2021**—Nebraska State Envirothon-Lake Wanahoo

**April 30, 2021**—Arbor Day

**May 13, 2021**—Board Meeting 7pm, LRNRD

**May 31, 2021**—Memorial Day, observed, Office Closed

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