

CAL FIRE Seed/Seedling Order Process



The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ([CAL FIRE](#)) is responsible for appropriately stewarding the seed and seedling production at the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center ([LAMRC](#)). The Reforestation Center must observe and comply with directives laid out by the Public Resources Code regarding seed and nursery operations.

Given the year-to-year uncertainty in seed collections, the effort required to wild-collect conifer seed, and limited Seed Bank staffing, it may not be possible to supply seeds for all projects.

SEED REQUESTS

Requests for all seeds are to be submitted via the [request form](#) on the Reforestation Services Program page of CAL FIRE's website.

CAL FIRE will consider available seeds from the same [seed zone](#) and elevation as the planting site, as well as seeds from different seed zones and elevations considered to be at least moderately suitable by the Climate-Adapted Seed Tool Model developed by UC Davis and the United States Forest Service relative to projected future species migration (in production).

TIMELINE AND PRIORITY

Seed order requests will be accepted from **September 1st until December 31st** for that same year. Requests will be reviewed approximately every two weeks and prioritized based on the criteria below.

Requests made outside that timeframe may be considered depending on staffing availability.

*Species ordering deadline

Species	Submission times
Sugar Pine, Red Fir, White Fir	Sep 1st - October 31st
All other species	Sep 1st - December 31st

1st PRIORITY

- Projects intended to reforest land severely disturbed by fire, flooding, pest outbreaks, disease, or other natural events where a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) has been consulted and a management plan is in place.

2nd PRIORITY

- Restoration of native tree and plant species threatened with extinction, watershed, and riparian protection.

3rd PRIORITY

- Land being reforested as part of a forest management plan (THP, NTMP, WFMP, etc.)

4th PRIORITY

- Tree farms, biomass plantations, short-rotation forest products.

5th PRIORITY

- Research and demonstration projects, including medical studies or trials, climate change adaptation and mitigation, public-benefit nursery start-ups, etc. Please note that additional information will be required.

6th PRIORITY

- Windbreaks, revegetation of utility and transportation corridors, and other site stabilization

For all priorities listed or for other intended uses, land ownership will be given preference in the following order:

- a) Privately-owned non-industrial and tribal lands
- b) State, regional, local government, and public lands
- c) Federal, privately-owned industrial and other lands

Prospective customers **will be contacted via email** within approximately two weeks of their inquiry submission with a determination as to whether the request can be fulfilled. If the customer **does not respond within 1 week of determination email, the request will be voided.**

PAYMENTS

CAL FIRE Seed Bank Staff will generate an invoice and email via DocuSign for the prospective customer to review, approve, complete, sign and return electronically. Customer will have 2 weeks from the submission DocuSign date to mail in payments. Currently, payments are only accepted via checks (either personal or cashier's check). **Payment is required prior to seed shipment.** CAL FIRE will not "hold" seed requests without payment.

SHIPPING

Except for research projects, CAL FIRE will only ship seeds directly to an established nursery and not a personal address. The customer is responsible for acquiring their own nursery space and any related nursery fees are not something handled by CAL FIRE.

Shipping prices are broken down below.

3 pounds or less: \$15.00

4-15 pounds: \$25.00

16-25 pounds: \$35.00

26-35 pounds: \$45.00

36 pounds and up: additional \$20.00 per 20 lbs. increment.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection warrants to the extent of purchase price that seed sold is as described on the label, within the recognized tolerances. No other/further warranty, expressed or implied, is given. The State's Seed Lab is not an officially certified seed testing facility. Results of in-house testing should be used at purchaser's risk. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection claims no responsibility or liability for goods damaged or lost in shipping

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sources for Contract Grown Conifer Seedlings for California

CAL FIRE and the State of California do not endorse, and do not make any representation, warranty, or promise regarding any nursery or organization listed herein.

Northern California and Oregon

Cal Forest Nurseries, Inc

1838 Eastside Rd. Etna, CA 96027

Call: (757) 322-7794

Email: nik@growpro-inc.com

Website: <http://www.calforest.com/>

Jaymar Gardens

138 Jaymar Ln, Carlotta, CA 95528

Call: (707) 498-1979

Email: Angela@jaymargardens.com

Website: <https://www.jaymargardens.com/>

PRT Nurseries

Multiple locations in Oregon

Call: (541) 514-8066

Email: mark.boardman@prt.com

Website: <https://www.prt.com/>

*Note: minimum order size 10,000 seedlings

Sequoia Orchids

Fortuna, CA

Call: (707) 725-5020

Email: chad@sequoiaorchids.com, sales@sequoiaorchids.com

Website: <http://www.sequoiaorchids.com/>

Central and Southern California

El Dorado County Resource Conservation District

Note: As a public agency, the RCD can act as an intermediary between private landowners and the USDA Forest Service nursery to facilitate seedling distribution state-wide.

Attn. Maia Davis, 100 Forni Rd., Ste. A, Placerville, CA 95667

Call: (530) 559-1404

Email: Maia.Davis@usda.gov

Website: <https://www.eldoradorcd.org/seedling-program>

Intermountain Nursery

30433 Auberry Road, Prather, CA, 93651

Call: (559) 855-3113

Email: grow@intermountainnursery.com

Website: www.intermountainnursery.com

Southern California Edison

Auberry, CA

Angus Wick - Nursery Superintendent

Cell: (916) 205-8669

Angus.i.wick@sce.com

Do you operate a forest nursery you would like to see added to this list? Contact Kuldeep.Singh@fire.ca.gov to discuss.