

## Terms and Conditions of Rental

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Printed Name (Lessee)

Phone Number

- I. USE AND AVAILABILITY.** All equipment is subject to availability and made available on a first-come first-served basis. Equipment shall be used solely within the boundaries of Scott County unless otherwise approved in advance by the District. Additional charges may apply for use outside the District.
- II. DENIAL OF SERVICE.** The District reserves the right to deny Equipment Rental Program (ERP) services to an individual requesting to participate in the program based on its sole discretion and determination of any of the following: they are or are likely incapable of operating the desired equipment in a normal, safe, and reasonable manner; they have demonstrated carelessness or unsafe operation of equipment in the past; they failed to pay past invoices in a timely manner; and/or they have violated other terms and conditions contained in the this agreement.
- III. PROGRAM FEES.** The rental fee for planting equipment is **\$150.00** plus **\$10/acre** over fifteen (15) acres. The rental fee for the Finn Krimper is **\$75** per day. In addition to rental fees, a refundable deposit of **\$50** is required for all pull-type equipment. Deposit funds will be applied towards the cost of parts replacement and damage repairs and/or for any cleaning performed by the District. Rental fee and deposit must be submitted along with a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions of Rental before use of equipment.
- IV. LESSEE RESPONSIBILITIES**
- A. Lessee shall exercise normal and reasonable care of the equipment while it is in his/her possession.
  - B. Lessee must recognize the hazards associated with the operation of the equipment and must follow the personal safety requirements necessary to ensure the safe use and operation of the rented equipment, including but not limited to observing the safety information provided with the equipment or at request, and following all manufacturer safety requirements and warnings as contained in the Operator Manual included with the equipment.
  - C. Lessee shall, at all times while equipment is in his or her possession and at Lessee's own cost and expense, maintain insurance against all risks of physical loss or damage to equipment and for personal and bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.
  - D. Lessee shall not request delivery of equipment until such time they are able to use it immediately. Once equipment arrives, the Lessee shall complete planting in as timely a manner as possible, as other customers may be waiting to use it.
  - E. Equipment use shall be limited to the location and number of acres indicated at the time of the request. Moving equipment by the Lessee to other location(s) and/or use of the equipment on additional acreage is prohibited unless otherwise approved in advance by the District. Resetting or tampering with acre meters is prohibited.
  - F. Lessee shall notify the District immediately upon discovering any missing parts and/or damage that may have occurred while the equipment was in their possession. The District shall be notified in person or by calling 952-492-5425.
  - G. Lessee shall not replace parts and/or repair any damage unless otherwise agreed to in advance by the District.
  - H. The Lessee shall return leased equipment in as clean a condition as it was delivered and shall remove all leftover seed and debris from seed boxes, cups, and tubing. Leftover seed and debris shall be removed by vacuuming or blowing; water and other liquids shall NOT be used. The security deposit will be surrendered if the seed is not completely removed from the implement, and/or if excessive dirt or other debris is not removed from the disc openers, press wheels tires, etc.
  - I. The Lessee shall notify the District immediately upon completion of equipment use.
  - J. The Lessee shall pay all outstanding fees and charges within 30 days from the date of invoice. A late fee of 1.5% (18% annually) of any the unpaid balance, or \$5, whichever is greater, will be applied to accounts not paid within the 30-day period.
  - K. Rental of Tractor: Lessee will provide to the Scott SWCD office before use of the tractor a copy of General Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$500,000 per claimant and \$1.5 million per occurrence.

**V. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Lessee agrees to indemnify the District, its officers, employees, agents and others acting on its behalf, to hold them harmless, and to defend and protect them from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, cost and expenses (specifically including attorney's fees and other costs and expenses of defense), of any sort whatsoever, based upon, resulting from, or otherwise arising in connection with any actions, claims or proceedings (of any sort and from any source whatsoever brought), or any loss, damage or injury of any type whatsoever sustained, whether or not also caused in part by a party identified hereunder, by reason of any act or omission of Lessee, its officers, employees or agents, or any other person(s) or entity(s) for whose acts or omissions Lessee may be legally responsible, in the performance of any Lessee's obligation (whether expressed or implied).

**VI. WAIVER OF LIABILITY.** Lessee understands and acknowledges the risks and hazards of using the type of equipment offered through the ERP, up to and including serious bodily harm or death. Lessee hereby waives any and all claims arising out of the District, its elected officials, employees, agents and volunteers' negligent acts or omissions arising out of or in association with the leasing, maintenance, ownership, and operation of ERP equipment. This waiver does not waive liability for any injuries resulting from the willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct by the District, its elected officials, employees, agents, or volunteers. The Lessee's personal liability coverage will apply if a loss occurs, along with the Lessee accepts liability for any injuries arising out of use of the equipment.

**VII. RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES.** Lessee shall be responsible for any and all physical loss or damage to the leased equipment, including the cost to repair or replace such property. Equipment replacement cost is shown as the Stipulated Loss Value in the following table:

<p><b>John Deere No-Till Drill</b></p> <p>Does not require a clean-tilled seedbed. Has one seed box for smaller seed* and one for soybeans, small grains, and cover crops. Not for natives or brome grass.</p>	<p><b>Brillion Sure Stand Seeder</b></p> <p>Requires a clean and tilled seedbed. Has one box for smaller seed* and a second for larger seed*</p>	<p><b>Great Plains No-Till Drill</b></p> <p>Does not require a clean seedbed. Has 3 seed boxes: one each for small grains, smaller seed* and larger seed*. Ground can't be too wet. Can seed into existing vegetation</p>	<p><b>Cover Crop Interseeder</b></p> <p>Utilized to reseed cover crops into corn planted in 30-inch rows up to V7 stage. Seeds two rows spaced at 10" within a 30-inch corn row. Requires min. 100 h.p. tractor with 3-pt hitch.</p>	<p><b>Finn Krimper</b></p> <p>Utilized to anchor straw or hay mulch 2-3" into the ground to prevent loss of mulch cover by wind or water erosion.</p>
<b>STIPULATED LOSS VALUE</b>				
\$70,000	\$12,000	\$33,000	\$32,000	\$500

\*Common smaller seed includes switchgrass, timothy and alfalfa. Common larger seed includes bromegrass & ryegrass

**VIII. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.** By signing below the lessee does not create or assume an employee-employer relationship. Accordingly, any individual(s) who sustain injuries while using rented equipment shall not be entitled to workers' compensation coverage or claims.

**IX. SIGNATURE.**

By signing below, I, the Lessee, hereby acknowledge and attest to the following:

1. I have read, understand, and fully agree to the terms set forth above.
2. I agree any infringement upon the terms listed above may subject me to additional fees, payments, or waivers of recovery from damages.
3. The District has the right to refuse equipment rental services for any violations of any of the terms listed above.
4. The District is not responsible for the Lessee's personal safety and hereby releases the District from all liability associated with any injuries or damages incurred while in possession of, and arising out of use of, the equipment.
5. The District shall not be held responsible for the outcome of the planted crop.
6. I have read and understand the safety information provided below. I further agree to review all safety information in the Operator Manual provided with the equipment I will be operating. And,
7. I agree to operate equipment in a safe and responsible manner, and to observe and abide by all safety information provided in the Operator Manual.

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Lessee Signature

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Date

## Important Safety Precautions for Operation of All Pull-Type Equipment

### Safety Alerts & Signals

1. Look for safety alert symbols on machine: this indicates a potential hazard to personal safety is involved and extra safety precaution must be taken, carefully read the message and obey the message
2. Familiarize yourself with safety decals and potential hazards associated with operating the equipment
3. Look for safety signal words that communicate a degree or level of hazard seriousness:

**Danger** Indicates an imminent hazard that if not avoided may result in death or serious injury, typically found near machine components that for operational purposes cannot be guarded

**Warning** Indicates a potential hazard that if not avoided could result in death or serious injury, typically includes components that are guarded but hazardous with guards removed, it also alerts operators to unsafe practices

**Caution** Indicates a potential hazard that if not avoided could result in minor or moderate injury, typically used to alert operators of unsafe practices

### Personal Safety

4. Wear protective equipment and clothes including hearing protection; avoid loose clothing and noise distraction
5. Handle chemicals properly when applicable, follow manufacturers recommendation
6. Prepare for emergencies: Be prepared if a fire starts, keep a first aid kit handy, keep emergency numbers for doctor, ambulance, hospital, and fire department in or near phone
7. Observe safety precautions at ALL times, familiarize yourself with the operator manual and all safety instructions and equipment operations; operate machinery from operator seat only and keep others clear of working area; wear snug fitting clothing to prevent entanglements in equipment and moving parts, stay clear of moving parts; do not stand between the tractor and equipment during hitching, do not leave equipment unattended with tractor running

### Equipment Operation & Safety

8. Avoid high pressure fluids from hydraulic lines, inspect potential leaks with paper, not body parts; high pressure fluids can penetrate skin; wear protective gloves and safety glasses and relieve pressure when working with hydraulics
9. Keep riders off machinery; never allow children to operate equipment, keep bystanders away during operation
10. Use safety lights and devices when on roadways at all times, always connect safety chains to prevent equipment escape
11. Transport machinery safely on roadways: do not exceed 20 mph, comply with state laws, keep equipment under control, reduce speed on rough roads and if control is reduced by speed or road conditions
12. Tire safety: do not change tires, District personnel will tend to tire problems, if inflation is needed, do so following safety precautions using a clip on chuck and safety cage if available
13. Practice safe maintenance: District personnel will tend to all maintenance necessary for equipment; if it is essential for an operator to service the drill follow all operator manual safety precautions
14. Tires are not steps; do not use as such. Park machine on level ground and store drill where children do not play
15. Stay clear of moving chains and do NOT remove any guards or safety features from the equipment
16. Use caution when hitching and unhitching equipment, be mindful of jack stand and make sure to prevent crush hazard from unstable jack support or improper jack stand angle; always block tires when equipment is unhitched to prevent movement
17. Do not fall off the equipment or crush hands in boxes, keep all shields in place at all times during operation
18. Never allow riders on tractor or equipment during operation; never allow persons under equipment when lifted off ground