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## **Autumn at Maple Leaves Forever**

This fall we have a lot to be thankful for at Maple Leaves Forever. First is the Canadian Museum of Nature's recognition of the work of our founder, Ken Jewett in advocating for the Native Canadian Maple with a Lifetime Achievement Award. You can read more about that below. Second is the show of colours that we are enjoying courtesy of Native Canadian Maple trees. Please check out our post below for driving tours and how to find out when is peak colour! Thirdly, black and sugar maple are dropping their seeds right about now, ready for us to collect and propagate or naturally germinate into new trees! And lastly we are thankful for all the landowners that have taken up the cause to plant native maples along their roadways and laneways. For those who still are interested, applications for our 25% Thank You Rebate closes November 5th!

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

## MLF Founder Ken Jewett Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award



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#### Museum of Nature honours Ken Jewett


The entrepreneur, philanthropist and champion of native maple trees is the 2021 Lifetime Achievement recipient of the Canadian Museum of Nature's national Nature Inspiration Awards

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The Founder of Maple Leaves Forever, Ken Jewett, has been honoured with the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature!

Through our Nature Inspiration Awards, we recognize each year an outstanding leader of the Canadian nature community with the Lifetime Achievement Award. This year's deserving recipient is Ken Jewett for his dedication to preserving the native Canadian Maple. For 20 years, the nature advocate and philanthropist has dedicated his time and financial resources to planting initiatives and environmental education about native maple trees. Through his foundation, Maple Leaves Forever, nearly 130,000 maple trees have been planted in Ontario, reinforcing the importance of native species to healthy ecosystems. Congratulations, Ken! 🍁

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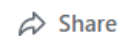
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The Nature Inspiration Awards recognize individuals and organizations that, through their work on specific projects, encourage Canadians to

- take an interest in natural history
- create links with nature
- contribute to the preservation of nature.

[Read more about Ken and the Award on the Museum of Nature website >](#)

# Plant native maples this fall and enjoy them for years to come.

Applications are open for our 25% Thank You Rebate on eligible purchases of 10 - 50 native Canadian maples for fall planting along rural roadsides and laneways.

Application Deadline is Friday, November 5th.

## Collecting Sugar Maple Seed this Fall



Sugar (and black) maple seed matures in the fall, usually from late September to early October. Proper collection, treatment and storage of tree seed supports restoration plans and the genetic heritage of our trees. Check out our detailed article about Collecting Sugar Maple Seed, originally written by Barb Boysen and updated by Kerry McLaven, CEO of the Forest Gene Conservation Association of Ontario ([fgca.net](http://fgca.net))

[Read full article on our website >](#)



(Popular Repost) Native Maples - the Monarchs of Colour!

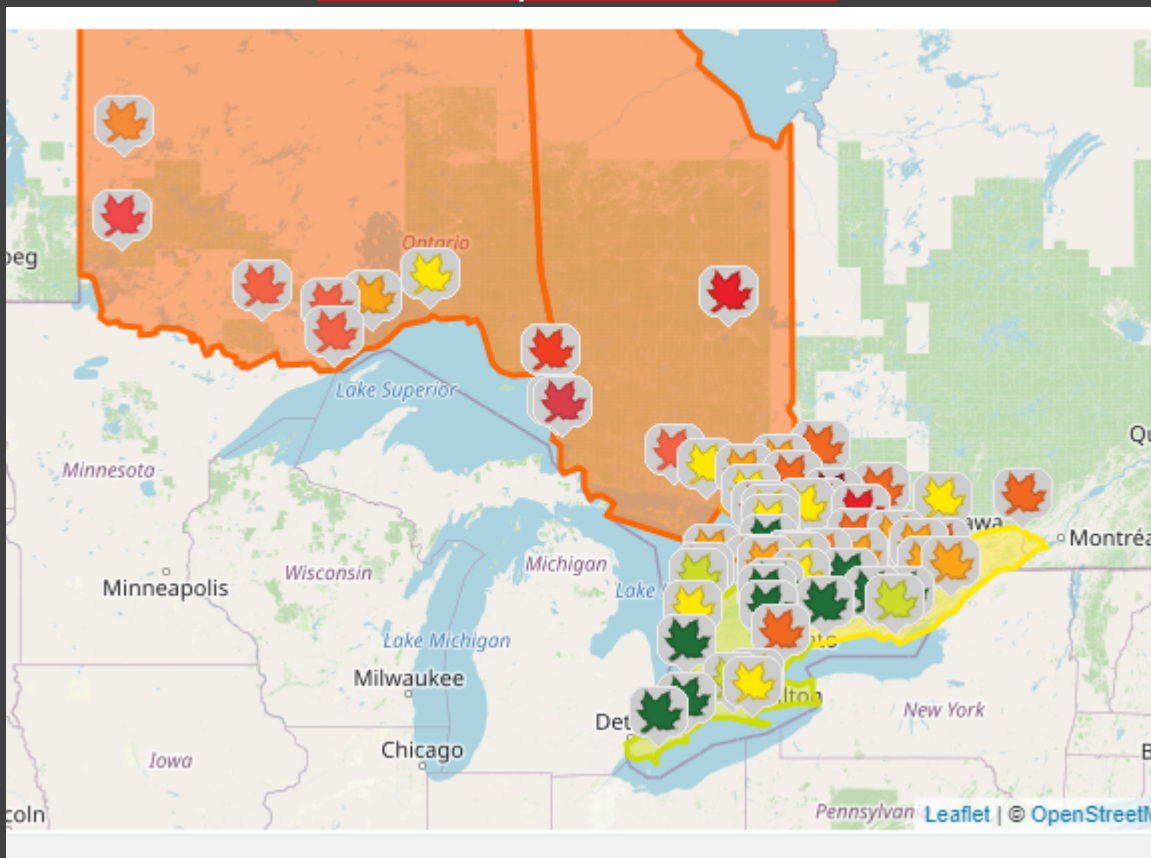
Driving tours are a great way to spend a fall day appreciating the landscape of Southern Ontario when it is ablaze in magnificent colour.

Different types of native maples display varying colours of yellow, red, orange and burgundy colours in the fall. The colour of an individual tree can sometimes vary from year to year.

Factors such as location, weather, and genetics also play a role in timing and colour intensity. Colour is generally better when trees are healthy and not stressed by drought or pests.

While it is difficult to predict when colours will peak, Ontario Parks has a nifty fall colour report that might help you plan your trip to various parts of the province:

[www.ontarioparks.com/fallcolour](http://www.ontarioparks.com/fallcolour)



For suggestions on driving tours, check out the following links! Please be sure to post your photos on social media and tag #canadianmaples or #mapleleavesforever so we can share them!

[www.wheels.ca/top-ten/10-best-fall-drives-in-ontario/](http://www.wheels.ca/top-ten/10-best-fall-drives-in-ontario/)

[www.destinationontario.com/.../discover-harvest-season-central-counties](http://www.destinationontario.com/.../discover-harvest-season-central-counties)

[www.discovermuskoka.ca/things-to-do/driving-tours/](http://www.discovermuskoka.ca/things-to-do/driving-tours/)

### late September/early October

- continue to [water](#) trees as needed during dry weather conditions
- fall is the second best time to [plant trees](#); plant early enough that trees can establish before winter sets in
- If applicable, apply for our 25% [Thank You Rebate](#) **before** purchasing and planting your native maples. Once you have planted the trees, send your proof of purchase to Maple Leaves Forever to receive your Thank You Rebate. Check out our [application page](#) for detailed rebate guidelines and restrictions.
- [water newly planted trees](#) slowly & deeply, before [adding mulch](#) & [staking](#) (if necessary)
- [collect mature seed](#) from sugar maple trees, if present & plans include its collection
- monitor for the presence of voles, rabbits & deer
- enjoy the fall colours!

### Late October/ November

- Rake & dispose of fallen leaves if foliar disease was a problem during the growing season. This reduces the potential for re-infestation next year.
- [Prune](#) to remove dead, cracked or broken branches. Minor pruning that was overlooked during the summer pruning can be corrected at this time. Late October through early November is the recommended timing, as the pruning wounds need time to heal before the cold winter conditions set in.
- [replenish the mulch](#) ring around the base of the trees
- inspect trees for presence of insect damage, disease or vandalism
- after leaves fall is a good time to [inspect for LDD Moth](#) (also known as Gypsy Moth) egg masses and scrape them from your trees to reduce chances of infestation next year - this can be done any time from August through the winter to mid-April
- initiate [plans for spring planting](#) if considering planting native maples next year
- contact [nurseries](#) to confirm availability of native maples for spring planting
- begin monitoring for animal damage when alternate food sources become scarce
- [install rodent & deer protection](#) as needed
- wrap the trunk of trees to prevent frost cracks, if recommended for your geographic area
- Application Deadline for 25% Thank You Rebate on native maples is **Friday, November 5th**. Maples should be planted before November 15th. Check out our [application page](#) for detailed rebate guidelines and restrictions.

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)



### HOW CAN YOU HELP? TELL A FRIEND!

If you recently received our Thank You Rebate, or you find our tree care information helpful – please share this email with your contacts!

**SHARE YOUR MAPLE PHOTOS** – We love seeing photos and stories about your maple plantings – please email them to

[info@mapleleavesforever.ca](mailto:info@mapleleavesforever.ca).



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## Why did I get this?

We've put together this email news list to inform, update and remind our subsidy applicants, nursery partners, and anyone else who might be interested about our activities and encourage the planting and ongoing care of more native maples in rural Ontario!

We only send 3 or 4 emails a year. You can [unsubscribe](#) from these mailings at any time. No hard feelings.

Feel free to share and forward MLF News to your friends and neighbours - and encourage them to plant native Canadian maples too!

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