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Plant native maples this fall

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

Fall Application Deadline is Friday, Nov. 4th, 2022.
Trees must be planted by Nov. 15th.

[Apply Now](#)

Fall Update from our Executive Director, Deb Pella Keen

Fall has traditionally been a special time for many given the start of school and the cooler weather that brings out our cosy fall sweaters. It's a time to make comforting soups and warm drinks, and sit by a fire. It is not to say that summer is pretty spectacular especially since it seems to one of our shortest seasons, but at Maple Leaves Forever I know I can speak for our team that the arrival of fall and fall foliage colours is a really special time of year.

Many parts of the province await in anticipation the arrival of "fall colours" - in the north it is usually arrives as a mix of yellow hues of larch, poplar and birch against a dark green canvas of pine and spruce. In the Great Lakes Forest Region, you can add to that palette, hues of red, orange and almost pink and purple.



The greatest contributor to our fall colour

canvas in this forest region is the native maple tree. Be it the red maple, the sugar maple, black maple, silver maple or Freeman's maple - all provide a spectacular range of colour for us for those brief weeks in late September or early October.

Following the fall colour progression is a past time for many with fall reports (see links below) being updated throughout this period so that one can strategically take that fall drive to enjoy the best of the colours.

- todoontario.com/ontario-fall-colours-progression-report/
- www.ontarioparks.com/fallcolour

At Maple Leaves Forever we encourage you this fall to be on the lookout for rows of heritage native maple trees throughout Southern Ontario. If you should find some, we ask you to share your findings with us. If you are one of the first 50 to enter our scavenger hunt, you could win \$150! See details below.

Good luck and the very best of the fall season to you!

Maple Leaves Forever Team

MLF News & Events



Heritage Maple Scavenger Hunt
Enter for CASH PRIZES

locations of rows of heritage native maples in your area!

We're putting together a heritage tour of 100+ year old maple plantings along roadsides, laneways and property boundaries in Ontario.

If you know of a roadside or laneway that is lined with heritage native maple trees, we invite you to fill out our online form (linked below).

The first 50 submissions received by October 15, once verified, will receive a mailed cheque for \$150CA from Maple Leaves Forever as a thank you!

[Click here for contest requirements and to enter!](#)

**Many thanks to those who have already entered the hunt!
Here are some highlights of the submissions so far:**





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Maple Care & Planting

MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR ~ FALL ~

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
- 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

Check out our [application page](#) for detailed rebate guidelines and restrictions.

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

for more details, year-round maple care & planting advice

Nursery News



We want to feature your Nursery in our E-News!

Going forward, we plan to include a feature article about one or more of our Partner Nurseries in each of our quarterly newsletters, on our blog and shared on our social channels. If your nursery would like to participate with an interview, article or just share some news, please drop a line to Caitlin, our Nursery Liaison:

nurseryliaison@mapleleavesforever.ca

Our E-newsletter has a growing readership of almost 2000 recipients, all of whom have expressly chosen to receive our notes to their email, and most of whom live in the Southern Ontario region. Take advantage of this free opportunity to grow awareness about your enterprise!

Seeking new Nurseries to join our Nursery Partner Program

If you know of a local nursery that sells native maple trees, and it's not already on our [Partner list](#), why not tell them about our program?

Ontario's rural roads and laneways exploding with beauty and fall colour? Consider joining our exciting Trial Partnership Program!

Reach out to us and let's start this conversation.
We can't wait to grow with you!

[Learn More about becoming an MLF Nursery Partner](#)

[Contact our Nursery Liaison](#)



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.



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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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