

A Newsletter from Maple Leaves Forever.

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## MAPLE LEAVES FOREVER NEWS

**Enjoy our beautiful new Video -  
MLF's Birthday Present to Canada!**



We're thrilled to announce the unveiling of our new video celebrating Canada 150 - dedicated to Canada's Native Maple Trees. Click above to watch!

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## CANADA 150

### Celebrate with us! REBATE INCREASE

To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, we have increased the Maple Leaves Forever "THANK YOU" Rebate to **25%** for Native Canadian Maples purchased for planting in 2017.

Please refer to the [APPLY NOW page](#) for more information on how to receive your "Thank You" rebate.



### MLF partners with Ontario orgs to provide free trees to residents in 2017

Maple Leaves Forever is pleased to once again partner with the Municipality of Clarington, the Municipality of Port Hope, The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority and Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority to provide free trees, in 2017, to residents



### Planning for Tree Planting

[Excerpt] Walk the area you plan to plant and ask yourself some questions:

- Is the topography, soil texture and drainage suitable for planting native maples? **Soil texture** and **drainage** will guide your tree species selection.
- Should I have the soil sampled to determine **fertility and acidity or alkalinity**?
- Which **species** best suit my objectives, **where** will the trees be planted, at what **spacing** and who I need help to plant the trees?

[Read more on our Blog >](#)



### Planting trees around powerlines - Setback recommendations

Several residents have contacted MLF about utility companies severely cutting

their rural properties.

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### In the Press: Toronto Star features Maple Leaves Forever

Mark Cullen wrote a feature article about MLF in the January 14th edition of the Toronto Star! "A closer look at Maple Leaves Forever"

[Visit the Star online to read >](#)

companies about setbacks from overhead and buried utilities as part of your planting planning.

For example, Hydro One classifies Canada's Native Maples as **Tall Zone species** that require more than **8 metres** of setback from either side of a powerline to provide unobstructed space for their growth to maturity. Maple Leaves Forever recommends that you consider a **10 metre setback**.

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## Spring Maple Care & Planting

### March

- inspect recently planted trees for over-winter damage & repair as needed
- **contact nursery** to schedule tree pick up or delivery

### April

- **pick up trees** from nursery or finalize arrangements for their delivery
- take care to **properly transport & store** new saplings and trees prior to planting
- **new planting** (or transplanting) – plant when soil conditions are favorable
- **stake** newly planted trees, **water deeply** & thoroughly, **add mulch**
- established plantings – add or replace mulch & clear surrounding weeds
- remove tree stakes from trees that have been staked for more than two years

[View our full MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

for details and year-round maple care & planting advice

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Maple Leaves Forever (MLF) has been supporting the Native Canadian Maple tree

If those trees were all planted in a row, at the recommended 30 feet apart, that would be nearly 910 miles (1,465 km) of roadside maples!!

## 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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