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MAPLE LEAVES
FOREVER

Spring is Planting Season!

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

Spring Rebate Applications will be accepted until
May 15, 2021.

Trees must be planted by May 15 for bare root stock, and
by **June 15** for balled & burlapped and container stock.

[Apply for Rebate](#)

[Start Your Planting Plan](#)



Sweet Spring - Maple Tapping and Syrup Production



A SPRING MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEB PELLA KEEN

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This time of year is known as Ziinsibaakwadoke Giizis, or the Syrup Moon, when sap begins to flow from the trees. Maple syrup has been cherished by Indigenous peoples for centuries and was one of many gifts shared with early settlers.



MLF News & Events



Get to know our Staff Interviews with Mary Bella and Alison Hands

Maple Leaves Forever is posting short interviews with each of our staff members over the coming months, so you can get to know us better!

Our first two interviews were with [Mary Bella](#), our Marketing Manager, and [Alison Hands](#), who administers our Thank You Rebate program.

Visit the MLF Blog at the links below to read about Mary and Alison, and check back for more staff profiles to come!

[Mary's Interview](#) | [Alison's interview](#)

Maple Care & Planting

MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR ~ SPRING ~

April

- pick up trees at nursery or take delivery of trees from nursery
- if you haven't already - apply for [MLF Thank You Rebate](#) on your maple tree purchase! Application deadline is May 15.
- take care to properly [transport and deliver](#) your native maples prior to planting
- [new planting](#) – plant when soil conditions are favourable
- check for [gypsy moth egg masses](#)! Egg masses can be destroyed until the end of April
- [water](#) deeply and thoroughly; [add mulch](#)
- [stake](#) newly planted trees, if necessary
- prepare a plan for watering the trees through the growing season
- established plantings – [add or replace mulch](#) and clear surrounding weeds
- remove stakes from trees that have been staked for two or more years.

May

- [new plantings](#) – [stake](#), [water thoroughly](#), [add mulch](#) & clear surrounding weeds
- [water as needed](#), frequency & duration will increase in dry conditions
- fertilize established but not newly planted trees
- monitor for presence of insects or other pests
- **Trees should be planted** by **May 15** for bare root stock, and by **June 15** for balled & burlapped and container stock.

Late May or when leaves have fully formed

- monitor the development of new growth & if necessary re-establish terminal leader
- remove (prune) any basal sprouts that may be present – prune to soil line
- [check for seeds on mature red, red/silver hybrid and silver maples if interested in harvesting](#) or know of others interested in collecting these

June

- **new planting** (container grown and B&B) – **water** slowly & deeply to get water down to the roots, clear surrounding weeds, **add mulch** & **stake** (if necessary)
- **water newly planted** & established maples as needed, frequency will increase during hot, dry conditions
- consider using **tree watering bags** to reduce risk of water stress
- fertilize established trees as recommended, but not newly planted trees
- monitor for presence of insects or other pests
- check for seed development on mature sugar maple trees if interested in **harvesting** or know of others interested in collecting sugar maple seed (seed matures in mid/late September)

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

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

Nursery News

Special thanks to Pine Corner Tree Farm (Moorefield) and Pineneedle Farms (Pontypool)!

Our partner nurseries are always a big help promoting Native Canadian Maples and our Thank You Rebate program to Ontario landowners.

We've crunched the numbers and we wanted to send a special shout out to **Pine Corner Tree Farm** and **Pineneedle Farms** - these two nurseries were our biggest supporters in 2020, each accounting for 10% of our referred applicants over the year!

We encourage you to support these and other local businesses, especially during these challenging times.



Pine Corner Tree Farm Inc.,
Moorefield

www.pinecorner.ca

Contact: Diana Vos **519-638-2734**
pinecorner2@gmail.com



Pineneedle Farms, Pontypool

www.pineneedle farms.ca

Contact: Paul Richardson **705-277-9993**
treepro@pineneedle farms.ca

We love how Pineneedle Farms have their native maples right at the top of the website list and clearly labeled NATIVE!



PineNeedleFarms.ca >
Deciduous
Shade Trees

Red Maple - NATIVE
(Acer rubrum)
Turns brilliant red in fall.

Type	Size	Qty: 1-9	Qty: 10 - 49
Potted - 2 Gallon	3-4' 100 cm plus	\$12.00	\$11.50
Potted - 3 Gallon	4-5' 125 cm plus	\$15.00	\$13.00
Branched B&B	7' plus 200 cm plus	\$115.00	\$100.00

Sugar Maple - NATIVE
(Acer saccharum)
Popular maple goes from green to reddish yellow in fall. Excellent for syrup.

Type	Size	Qty: 1-9	Qty: 10 - 49
Potted - 2 Gallon	3-4' 100 cm plus	\$15.00	\$12.50
Potted - 3 Gallon	4-5' 125 cm plus	\$17.00	\$14.00
Branched B&B	7' plus 200 cm plus	\$125.00	\$110.00

Silver Maple - NATIVE
(Acer saccharinum)

Type	Size	Qty: 1-9	Qty: 10 - 49
Potted - 2 Gallon	3-4' 100 cm plus	\$14.00	\$9.00
Potted - 3 Gallon	4-5' 150 cm plus	\$16.00	\$11.50
Branched B&B	7' plus 200 cm plus	\$100.00	\$85.00

Freeman Maple - NATIVE
(Acer freemanii)

Type	Size	Qty: 1-9	Qty: 10 - 49
Branched B&B	7' plus 200 cm plus	\$125.00	\$110.00

Interested in Joining our Nursery Partner Program?

We are pleased to announce an exciting new program for aspiring nursery partners. The new Trial Partnership Program has launched and we are

vision of Ontario's rural roads and laneways exploding with beauty and fall colour?

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

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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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