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Summer E-News

25% Thank You Rebate Applications for spring planting are now closed.

Fall Rebate Applications will open on
Monday, August 30, 2021.

Rebate is limited to eligible purchases of 10 - 50 native Canadian maples for planting along rural roadsides and property lines.

[Summer Tree Care](#)

[Start Your Planting Plan for Fall](#)

June has brought summer in full force. It prompts the question: “Have you watered your planted trees yet?” Newly planted trees can really benefit from a good deep watering at least once a week in this weather.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with One Bench One Tree, a grassroots project dedicated to expressing gratitude to front-line workers and other healthcare staff during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective of the project is to add at least one bench and one tree to the landscape of hospitals across Canada to thank the workers who put their lives at risk to keep our communities safe during the pandemic. Their first location is at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Sunnybrook received the first COVID-19 patient in Canada in January 2020. We are pleased to be part of this ambitious thank you to front line workers by providing a native Canadian sugar Maple for this first site. More info: www.1bench1tree.ca.

I hope you will enjoy the article on the history of roadside maples that we are publishing in a three-part series. It truly highlights the native maple’s natural and cultural history in Ontario! [Click here to read the first in the series.](#)

On June 12, I spoke with the members of the [Aurora Arboretum](#) at their



Deb Pella Keen



One Bench One Tree at Sunnybrook

And finally, a call out to my good friend, Ray Bonenberg, founding partner in Mapleside, a maple syrup producer in Pembroke Ontario. He has been inducted to the International Maple Hall of Fame, for his decades-long work

Arboretum that will include all maple trees native to Ontario as specimens for visitors to learn about.

Congratulations Ray, a well deserved recognition! Check out Ray's operation at www.mapleside.ca. [Read the article about Ray in the Pembroke Observer.](#)

- Deb Pella Keen, Executive Director, Maple Leaves Forever

MLF News & Events

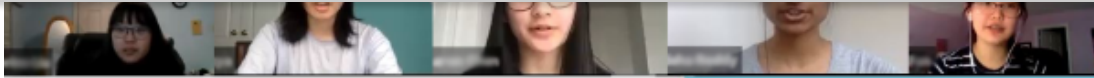
Maple Leaves Forever Sponsors Ontario Envirothon 2021

MLF once again supported the annual Ontario Envirothon by sponsoring the cash prizes for the event, given out to all the members of the top three teams.

“Maple Leaves Forever has been a proud sponsor of the Ontario Envirothon for six years now,” said Deb Pella Keen. “The knowledge and skills fostered through this program complement our foundation’s vision of sustainability. We are happy to be involved in the development, and celebration, of the province’s budding environmental champions.”

[Read more about Envirothon and the Winners here >](#)

Below: The Winning Team, University of Toronto Schools (Team C), and their project



Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change & Green Infrastructure / Urban Design

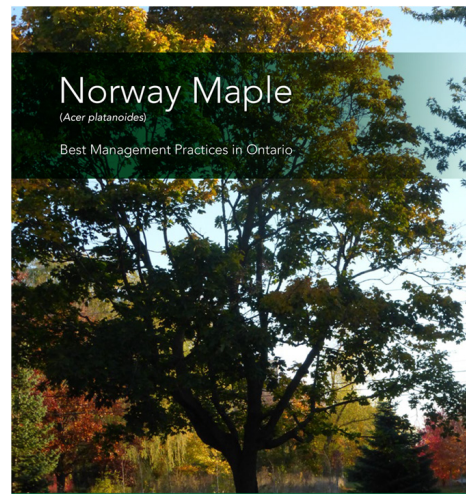
By: Catherine, Luckya, Risha, Sharon, & Vanessa



Managing the Norway Maple Problem

The Ontario Invasive Plant Council, in conjunction with the City of Toronto and York Region, has developed a very informative document about best management practices for the invasive Norway Maple.

Excerpt: "Although beautiful, cultivar seedlings can spread into natural areas and become invasive, outcompeting native species and impacting wildlife.... With its potential for being a serious invader, preventing this invasive maple species from entering and damaging natural areas is an important priority for land managers land use planning, and landscape design."



The resource can be downloaded through their website at the following link: www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/norway-maple/



The History of Roadside Tree Planting in Ontario

Maple Leaves Forever is proud to present this series of posts detailing the history of roadside tree planting in Ontario, researched and written by Terry Schwan, R.P.F. The full essay will be released in its entirety in Fall 2021.

Terry Schwan is a semi-retired forest consultant. Born in Hanover, he served as District Forester in Guelph for the Ministry of Natural Resources for 17 years. One of his current projects involves researching and delivering forest history tours. He was winner of the Maple Leaves Forever / Ontario Envirothon Leadership Award in 2020.

[Read Part 1 of this Historical Series >](#)



Join the Great Canadian Giving Challenge

Big news from MLF! We have just launched our online donation portal and we're inviting you to be one of our first supporters. Donations in June also enter us in the great Canadian Giving Challenge for a chance to win \$20,000! And of course, since Maple Leaves Forever is a registered charity, you will receive a tax-deductable charitable receipt for your generous donation.

[Donate Today!](#)

Get to know our Staff: Caitlin Ayling

Maple Leaves Forever is posting interviews with each of our staff

members over the coming months, so you can get to know us better! Our June profile is on Caitlin Ayling, Maple Leaves Forever's Nursery Liaison.

[Read Caitlin's Interview](#)



Maple Care & Planting

Managing Gypsy Moth Caterpillars

The Invasive Species Centre has a wealth of informative fact sheets and papers [on their website](#).

We wanted to share these fact sheets about the European Gypsy Moth and management practices, since May and June are when we see those EGM caterpillars on maples and other trees.

Excerpt: **BURLAP/ TRAPPING**

Caterpillars can be successfully trapped using burlap. Start by wrapping a 45 cm (18 in) wide strip around the tree at chest height. Tie a string around the centre and fold the top portion down to form a skirt, with the string acting as a belt. Pick off the caterpillars daily and dispose of them (see hand removal above).

[Read more and Download Fact Sheets on our Blog >](#)

MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR
~ SUMMER ~

- **[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 (eg: **[Gypsy Moths*](#)**)
- 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)

July – August

- **[water as needed](#)**, keep trees well-watered during times of heat & drought, especially newly planted trees. Water weekly, supplement when no natural rainfall occurs.
- **[add or restore mulch](#)** as needed & clear surrounding weeds
- the recommended time for **[pruning](#)** young maples is mid-July through early August
- fertilize established trees as recommended but not newly planted trees
- seek assistance if trees appear to be stressed
- monitor regularly for presence of insects or other pests

late August

- if you are considering planting trees in the fall, visit **[our Rebate page](#)**. You may be eligible for a Thank You Rebate for planting native maples on your rural property

early September

- **[water](#)** trees slowly and deeply to help trees store nutrients & prepare for winter
- inspect tree form, **[prune](#)** only lightly, as needed

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

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

Nursery News

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 looking forward to hearing from you! Is your nursery passionate about growing and promoting the use of our native maples? Do you share our 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!

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them to plant native Canadian maples too!

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