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Celebrating Maple Trees in Ontario this Summer!

A message from our Executive Director, Deb Pella Keen

Have you ever thought about how our beautiful roadside native maple trees came to be? In the 1870s, the Ontario Government, through local municipalities, provided an incentive to farmers if they planted roadsides with trees from their woodlots. The majority of trees planted were native maples. This gave rise to an important element of Ontario's rural landscape - rows of stately maples alongside roads and separating farmer's fields.

We are hoping when you are driving through rural Ontario and come across one of these legacy rows of maples, you will record it and send it to Maple Leaves Forever. We are documenting as many of these as



Deb Pella Keen,
Executive Director,
Maple Leaves Forever

We would like to congratulate the Municipalities of Clarington and Port Hope, and the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA), in their efforts to restore trees along municipal roadways in their communities. For the last 10 years, their **“Trees for Rural Roads” program** provided trees to landowners who wished to plant trees along these roadways. They have planted nearly 8,000 native road side trees and with the support of Maple Leaves Forever almost 1700 of those trees were native Canadian maples! A project like this ensures communities will continue to enjoy beautiful rows of native maples in our landscape that provide many benefits to the natural environment.

We hope you enjoy our Summer newsletter!

June 2022

MLF News & Events



Heritage Maple Scavenger Hunt Enter for CASH PRIZES

Maple Leaves Forever is now offering a \$150 CASH INCENTIVE for sharing 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!](#)



Maple Leaves Forever support is key to another successful Ontario Envirothon Program Year!

As the 2022 Ontario Envirothon season comes to an end, Forests Ontario and our education partners reflect on yet another successful year. With 19 inspiring teams from communities across Ontario, we couldn't have been more impressed with the enthusiasm, dedication and creativity displayed by all participants. This year's competition can best be described as fierce, but fun.

The newly crowned winners of the 2022 Ontario Envirothon hail from St. Elizabeth Catholic School in York Region, and we hope you will join us in celebrating their success! The Ontario Envirothon Champions will travel to Ohio in July to represent the province at the annual, and in-person, NCF-Envirothon. Congratulations are also extended to University of Toronto Schools in Toronto whose teams took second and third place.

Forests Ontario would also like to recognize and thank Maple Leaves Forever for their very generous donation of prize money that has been awarded to students in the top three 2022 Ontario Envirothon teams. As a long standing and valued supporter of the Ontario Envirothon, Maple Leaves Forever has helped us inspire the next generation of forest stewards, and is integral to the program's continued success. We applaud Maple Leaves Forever for their vision and dedication to environmental education and youth.

[Find out more about Ontario Envirothon here >](#)

Below: The Winning Team, St. Elizabeth Catholic School in York Region



Spring 2022 Maple Tree Planting Update
Maple Leaves Forever supported the planting of a total of **833** native maple trees this spring!

Plant Native Maple Trees this Fall Apply for our 25% Thank You Rebate

You may be eligible for a 25% cash rebate on your purchase of Native Maple Trees from one of our partner nurseries.

**FALL REBATE APPLICATIONS OPEN
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

Trees must be planted by November 15.

[Click for Application Details](#)

Maple Care & Planting

MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR ~ SUMMER ~

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

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!

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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