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Winter is the time to plan your maple planting

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

Applications will be considered starting in February 2021.

[Find Out More about our Rebate Program](#)

[Start Your Planting Plan](#)

Winter Update from our Executive Director, Deb Pella Keen



I hope this finds you well and enjoying some recharge time at the end of a unique and challenging year. At Maple Leaves Forever, 2020 was a very successful year as we continued to provide support to those programs that are important to our mandate. This year we supported the planting of almost 1400 native Canadian maples along roadways and laneways across rural southern Ontario! Thank you to all who participated in the program and are caring for those trees as part of our unique cultural landscape.

In addition we supported forest education at the secondary school level with [Forests Ontario Envirothon program](#) and the planting of over 175 native maples by the [Highway of Heroes](#) project in Picton.

As the winter settles in and the leaves on the forest floor are covered in snow, it is time to pause and be grateful we live in a country that has universal health care and supports native tree planting through various programs such as ours and the [recent federal announcement to plant 2 Billion trees](#) over the next 10 years.

We wish you all the best for your good health and good growing conditions for trees in 2021!

- Deb Pella Keen on behalf of the Maple Leaves Forever Team

News & Events



Maple Leaves Forever will be virtually attending Landscape Ontario's first online "Congress Connect" January 12 - 14, 2021. Register for FREE and visit our "booth" through [LOCongress.com](https://locongress.com). As part of the Conference, we will present an interactive **ZOOM Q&A for potential Nursery Partners** on Thursday, January 14 at 9:45 am. Email Caitlin nurseryliaison@mapleleavesforever.ca for more information and to submit your questions in advance!

MLF Staffing Update

We have had some significant staff changes in 2020 and hope you will join us in congratulating our long time "tree guy", [Carl Mansfield on his retirement](#). He will be missed, but fortunately for us, he is just a phone call away and continues to support our mission whenever he can!

We are happy to announce that we've added two new and very capable part-time members to the MLF team: Andrew Cowell (currently working full-time as a municipal arborist) and Caitlin Ayling (currently working as the IPM and Plant Health Technician at NVK Nurseries).

Andrew, as MLF's Arborist, will focus on our outreach to the public, handling inquiries about tree care, site conditions etc. Caitlin, as MLF's Nursery Liaison, will focus on developing nursery partnerships and advocating for native maple production in various forums.

[More about Our Team.](#)



Maple Care & Planting

To Prune or Not To Prune Maples in Winter?

As your beautiful native maples drop their leaves and their branching structure becomes more evident, you may be tempted to perform some winter pruning. Generally, for deciduous trees, this would be the ideal time. When the trees lay dormant and the branches are more easily visible, it is very practical to perform the removal of dead, dying or interfering limbs. **For maples, any pruning or wounds created during this period may cause an excessive loss of sap known as ‘bleeding’.**

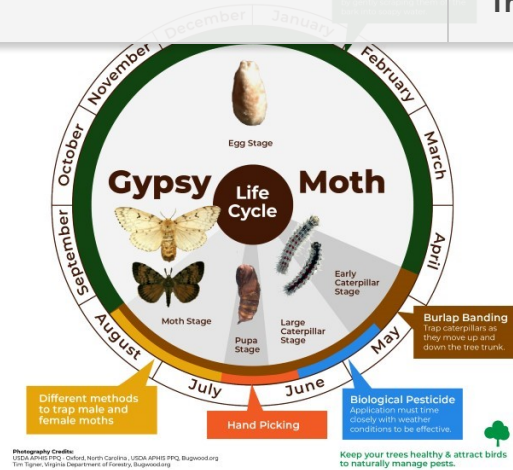


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Does European Gypsy Moth Want to Take a Bite Out of Ontario’s Maple Syrup Production?

managing gypsy moth on their properties. Proper forest management and promotion of tree health is important for maintaining healthy sugar maple stands during years with environmental stressors like gypsy moth." (Article by *David Dutkiewicz, Entomology Technician, Invasive Species Centre* | Originally published by the [Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association](#))

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MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR

January - February

- monitor for tree damage or stress
- [check for gypsy moth egg masses and remove them](#)
- [prepare planting plans](#) for upcoming year
- place order for Native Maples from [nursery](#) as early as possible (You may be disappointed if you delay doing this now)

Native Maples should **not be pruned** during the late winter through spring season. Bleeding (loss of sap from pruning wounds) can be excessive when maple trees are pruned during this time. Wait until the leaves have fully formed in mid-summer. Light [pruning](#) can also be done in fall.

March

- monitor trees for over-winter damage and repair as needed.
- finalize [planting plans](#)
- contact nursery to arrange for tree pick up or delivery
- [Apply for your Thank You Rebate](#) from Maple Leaves Forever by May 15 (bare-root trees) or June 15 (balled-and-burlapped or container-grown trees)

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

Nursery News

Rockwood Forest Nurseries joins Maple Leaves Forever's Partnership Program

We are very excited to announce the newest addition to our Nursery Partnership Program: Rockwood Forest Nurseries!

"Rockwood has been growing trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, annuals and supplying other 'green' products such as mulch, soil and aggregates/gravel for over 30 years. We are based in Cameron, Ontario (Kawartha Lakes near Lindsay, Ontario) which allows us to serve residential (condos, cottages, homes) and commercial landscapers, landscape architects, arborist, garden centres, green roofers, city and municipalities, golf courses and plant lovers in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada."

Santosh Patel has recently taken over as owner and manager of Rockwood Forest Nurseries. He brings a certain sincerity, dedication and integrity to his operations that pours over into his passion for native trees and plants. We are looking forward to working and growing with Santosh and his team, as we expand our connections into this new geographic location.



Santosh Patel, Owner
Rockwood Forest Nurseries
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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!

[FIND OUT MORE](#) [CONTACT US](#)



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

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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