



MAPLE LEAVES  
FOREVER

## Fall 2023 News

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With sincere apologies, our Newsletter was sent out prematurely in error, missing the note from our Executive Director! Here it is in full.

Enjoy, and Happy Fall from Maple Leaves Forever!

### Fall Message from our Executive Director, Deb Pella Keen

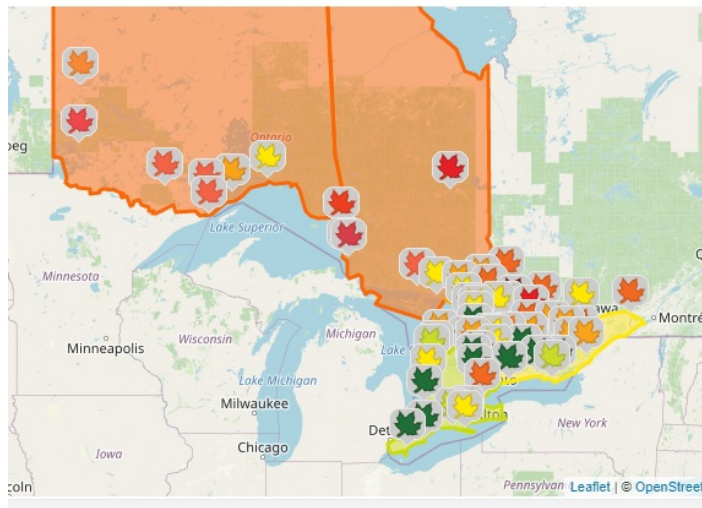


#### Native Maples Show their True Colours!

Driving tours are a great way to spend a fall day appreciating the landscape of Southern Ontario when it is ablaze in magnificent colour.

Different types of native maples display varying colours of yellow, red, orange and burgundy colours in the fall. The colour of an individual tree can sometimes vary from year to year. Factors such as location, weather, and genetics also play a role in timing and color intensity. Colour is generally better when trees are healthy and not stressed by drought or pests.

While it is difficult to predict when colours will peak, Ontario Parks has a nifty [fall colour report](#) that might help you plan your trip to various parts of the province: [www.ontarioparks.com/fallcolour](http://www.ontarioparks.com/fallcolour)



For suggestions on driving tours, please check these following links and please be sure to post your photos to social media with the hashtag #mapleleavesforever

- [destinationontario.com/en-ca/articles/fall-colour-sightseeing-tours-ontario](https://destinationontario.com/en-ca/articles/fall-colour-sightseeing-tours-ontario)
- [todoontario.com/ontario-fall-colours-road-trips-drives/](https://todoontario.com/ontario-fall-colours-road-trips-drives/)

Speaking of fall driving tours, in 2022 Maple Leaves Forever launched a scavenger hunt to find the locations of 100+ year old native maple plantings along roadsides, laneways and property boundaries in Ontario. An essay about the [History of Roadside Tree Planting in Ontario](#) by Terry Schwan inspired us to catalogue their locations and share these for all to enjoy, and to encourage ongoing native maple planting for the future.

During your fall driving tours, if you find a roadside or laneway that is lined with heritage native maple trees ([read more about "What is a native Canadian maple" here](#)), we invite you to fill out our [online form](#) so we can add it to our growing repository of locations.

You can check out our [map of heritage maple plantings here!](#)

Deb Pella Keen  
On behalf of the MLF Team

## MLF News

### APPLY NOW for our 25% Rebate on Native Maple Trees

#### FALL APPLICATIONS DUE November 15.

Trees must be planted by November 15.

Restrictions apply. Visit [mapleleavesforever.ca/apply-now/](https://mapleleavesforever.ca/apply-now/) for details.

FIND OUT MORE

If you applied and received a MLF planting rebate this year or in years past, we'd love to hear from you and see photos of your native maples!

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## **New Learning Resource from Forests Ontario - Marvelous and Magnificent Maples**

With Maple Leaves Forever's support, Forests Ontario recently developed a special lesson plan for teachers, parents and students to learn about and engage with our National Tree!

Students will learn about the diversity of Canada's native maple trees through observation and art. A perfect home or school activity for the season, as these beautiful trees show off their fall colours!

You can find the lesson plan on Forests Ontario's website:  
[forestsontario.ca/en/resource/marvelous-and-magnificent-maples](https://forestsontario.ca/en/resource/marvelous-and-magnificent-maples)



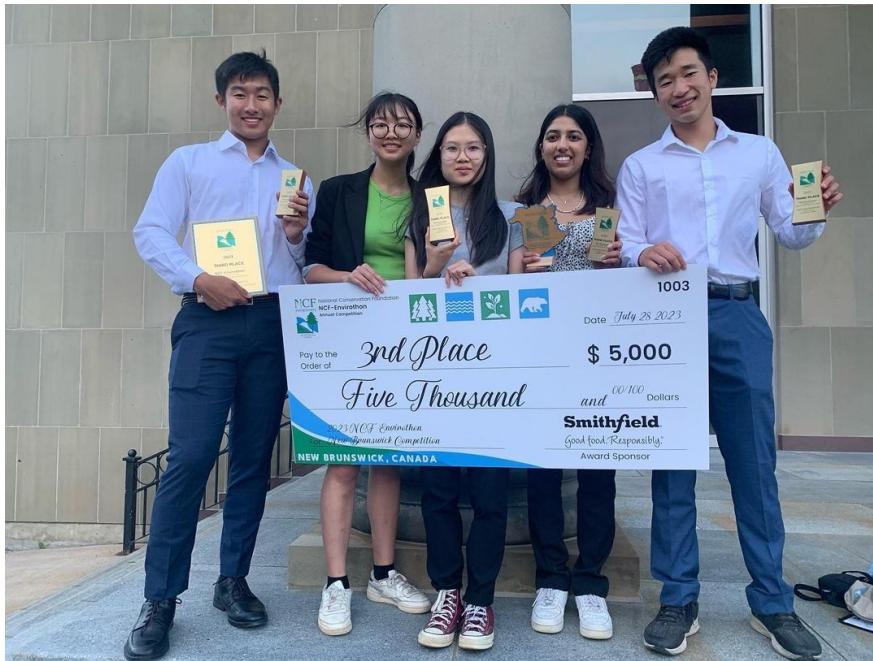
## **UPDATE**

[#ONEnvirothon](#) 2023 First Place Winners, the team from Markham's Markville Secondary School, went on to place third at the International [NCF-Envirothon Competition!](#)

Maple Leaves Forever is proud to Sponsor Ontario Envirothon along with several other environmental initiatives.

[Read more about our Sponsorships on our website.](#)

Find out more about Ontario Envirothon at:  
[forestsontario.ca/en/program/ontario-envirothon](https://forestsontario.ca/en/program/ontario-envirothon)



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## Reminder: Join Our Community Honour Roll

We encourage municipalities and planting agencies throughout Ontario and Canada to resolve to "***recognize the importance of the native maple tree, Canada's arboreal emblem, and commit to always plant native maples whenever a maple is called for in any planting projects.***"

As more agencies and municipalities make this commitment, we will [post about them](#) and add them to our [new Community Honour Roll page](#).

Maple Leaves Forever is pleased to recognize the following municipalities and planting agencies for their commitment to planting native maple trees.



The City of Ottawa



Municipality of Clarington



Forests Ontario



Municipality of Collingwood  
(April 2023)



Nottawasaga Valley  
Conservation Authority

Nottawasaga Valley  
Conservation Authority (April  
2023)

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**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**Nov  
28**

**Join us for GIVING TUESDAY  
with Canada Helps**

Maple Leaves Forever is a Registered Canadian Charity, which means your donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt! Giving Tuesday is an annual event to encourage waste free, ecofriendly charitable gifts, just in time for Christmas! Consider donating to Maple Leaves Forever as a gift on behalf of your loved ones - you can even send them one of our custom Maple E-cards available through Canada Helps.

**Donate Today!**

**Nursery News**

**Nursery Partner Spotlight:  
Triple J Tree Farm  
Mulmur, Ontario**



Triple J Tree Farm is a family owned and operated nursery and landscape company in Mulmur, Ontario.

**MLF: What made you want to be in the nursery/plant growing business?**

We have been growing trees since the late 1980s when we saw a need in our area for locally grown nursery product. We started growing Christmas trees and expanded in the late 1990s to growing both deciduous trees and coniferous trees. We now offer over 50 different varieties of trees.

**MLF: What is your favourite part of your work?**

Working outside, working with nature and working throughout our community.

**MLF: What does the native Canadian Maple tree mean to you?**

Sugar Maples are a big part of Canada. The Maple Leaf is a recognized around the world as a part of Canada and is a symbol of our people, community, heritage and history.

Contact or visit Triple J Tree Farm and be sure to mention Maple Leaves Forever's native maple tree rebate program!



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[Connect on Facebook](#)

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## Put your Nursery in the MLF Spotlight!

Are you one of our Nursery Partners? We want to feature your Nursery

in our E-News! We include a feature article about one or more of our Partner Nurseries in each of our quarterly newsletters, on our blog and shared on our social channels.

If your nursery would like to participate with an interview, article or just share some news, please drop a line to Caitlin, our Nursery Liaison: [nurseryliaison@mapleleavesforever.ca](mailto:nurseryliaison@mapleleavesforever.ca)

Our E-newsletter has a growing readership of nearly 2400 recipients, all of whom have expressly chosen to receive our notes to their email, and most of whom live in the Southern Ontario region. Take advantage of this free opportunity to grow awareness about your enterprise!

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## FALL Maple Care and Planting

### **late September/early October**

- continue to [water](#) trees as needed during dry weather conditions
- fall is the second best time to [plant trees](#); plant early enough that trees can establish before winter sets in
- [water newly planted trees](#) slowly & deeply, before [adding mulch](#) & [staking](#) (if necessary)
- [apply for your Thank You Rebate](#) after receiving approval of your application form & purchasing your native maples
- [collect mature seed](#) from sugar maple trees, if present & plans include its collection
- monitor for the presence of voles, rabbits & deer
- enjoy the fall colours!

### **Late October/ November**

- Rake & dispose of fallen leaves if foliar disease was a problem during the growing season. This reduces the potential for re-infestation next year.
- [Prune](#) to remove dead, cracked or broken branches. Minor pruning that was overlooked during the summer pruning can be corrected at this time. Late October through early November is the recommended timing, as the pruning wounds need time to heal before the cold winter conditions set in.
- [replenish the mulch](#) ring around the base of the trees
- inspect trees for presence of insect-damage, disease or vandalism
- after leaves fall is a good time to [inspect for LDD Moth](#) (also known as Gypsy Moth) egg masses, scrape them from your trees and soak them in soapy water for 48 hours, to reduce chances of infestation next year - this can be done any time from August through the fall and winter to mid-April
- initiate [plans for spring planting](#) if considering planting native maples next year
- contact [nurseries](#) to confirm availability of native maples for spring planting

- begin monitoring for animal damage when alternate food sources become scarce
- [install rodent & deer protection](#) as needed
- wrap the trunk of trees to prevent frost cracks, if recommended for your geographic area

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

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

## 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 and encourage them to plant native Canadian maples too!

### SHARE YOUR MAPLE PHOTOS

We love seeing photos and stories about your maple plantings – please email them to [info@mapleleavesforever.ca](mailto:info@mapleleavesforever.ca).

## Why did I get this email?

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 in our activities and encourage the planting and ongoing care of more native maples in rural Ontario!

We only send 4 emails a year, in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. You can [unsubscribe](#) from these mailings at any time. No hard feelings.



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