

TreeMail

Spring 2011

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Dear Trees Ontario Supporter, Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of TreeMail!

Thank you to our donors, corporate sponsors and government partners for your financial support. Your generous contributions are supporting the planting of close to **3 million trees** this planting season.

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Take Part

CAA & Trees Ontario Community Planting Weekend



Hosted by CAA South Central Ontario & Trees Ontario, this Annual Community Planting Weekend is designed to bring CAA members, their families, friends and members of the community together to take part in a 1/2 day of tree planting across several cities in southern Ontario. The events aim to engage communities in local reforestation projects and build profile around the importance of trees, shade and green urban spaces.

Event dates and locations:

Date & Time	Location	Online Registration
Saturday, May 7, 2011 9 a.m. – noon	Kingston, Ontario	Click here to Register
Saturday May 7, 2011 10:00 am – noon	Windsor, Ontario	Click here to Register
Saturday May 7, 2011 10:00 am – noon	Orillia, Ontario	Click here to Register
Saturday May 7, 2011 10:00 am – noon	Owen Sound, Ontario	Click here to Register
Sunday May 8, 2011 10:00 am – noon	Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario	Click here to Register

Come Out and Join Us for an Afternoon of Tree Planting in York Region!

Hosted by The Regional Municipality of York and Trees Ontario, this Community Planting Event is being held on Thursday, May 5 in York Region. The event will bring York Region employees, families and members of the general public to take part in 3 hours of tree planting fun. Join us!



Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00 pm

Location: 90 Bales Drive East, East Gwillimbury - The Regional Municipality of York office

Click here to learn more and [take part](#).

Trees Ontario Technical Workshops



Trees Ontario and partners are hosting a series of technical workshops this year. Take part in an educational workshop of interest to you. Workshop themes include:

[Seed Forecasting](#)
[Certified Seed Collector](#)
[Growing Native Trees from Seed](#)
[Seed Collection Mentoring](#)

Visit our [upcoming workshops](#) page or call us at 1.877.646.1193 for more information and to register.

Learn More

Minister of Natural Resources, Trees Ontario, TRCA & Local School Group Plant Eight-Millionth Tree During Earth Week



To celebrate Earth Week and to recognize re-greening efforts across the province, Trees Ontario hosted a ceremonial tree planting event on April 20th with the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources, [Toronto Region Conservation Authority](#) (TRCA) and grade 7 students from St. Ambrose Catholic School. Together the group recognized the ceremonial planting of the 8-millionth tree as part of the Ontario government's [50 Million Tree Program](#). [Learn more.](#)

TO at the Green Living Show

This year at the 2011 Green Living Show held at the Toronto Direct Energy Centre April 15-17, Trees Ontario shared the spectacular Year of the Forest exhibit with our partners the [Ontario Forestry Association](#), [Tree Canada](#) and [Leaf – Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests](#). Show attendees had a chance to stroll through the exhibit to learn more about trees, forests and how they can get involved with conservation and tree planting initiatives. Guests received a free native white pine seedling to take home and plant! Thanks to all our friends, fans and supporters who dropped by our booth.



Operational Updates: Close to 3 Million Trees in 2011

In the next 5-6 week, Trees Ontario, in partnership with its 65+ [planting partners](#), will plant close to 3 million trees across the province – surpassing the 2010 planting season results by almost 1 million trees.



Trees are being planted through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' [50 Million Tree Program](#) and Trees Ontario's [Forest Restoration Program](#). Trees Ontario's goal is to increase ongoing support to plant 10 million trees a year by 2015.

More landowner participation is needed to reach this goal. Interested in participating in a tree planting subsidy program? Contact your local [planting delivery agent](#) or Trees Ontario to determine eligibility



Trees Ontario Green Leaders Steve Hart and Cara Burleigh Recently Recognized

We are pleased to introduce you to our latest Trees Ontario Green Leaders – a designation recognizing those who have shown leadership in tree planting and environmental stewardship through a Trees Ontario tree planting program. Congratulations [Steve Hart](#) and [Cara Burleigh](#) and thank you for your efforts and commitment to regreening your community.

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Alexander Keith's Beer has Never Been More Green!

This spring, the [Keith's Green Initiative](#) is helping consumers go green. Specially-marked packs of Alexander Keith's beer give Canadians the chance to win up to \$1,000 each to donate to one of four deserving eco-charities including Trees Ontario. Keith's will also donate \$1 for every Facebook fan that shares the Green Initiative with their friends. As much as \$75,000 will be donated through the program. Cheers to being green!



[Click here](#) to 'like' Alexander Keith's and support Trees Ontario.



Trees Ontario and Sansin Partner to Help Re-Green Ontario

[Sansin](#) is partnering with Trees Ontario in its native tree seedling promotion, which kicked off on Earth Day. For every gallon of Sansin Enviro Stain sold from April 22 through May 31, 2011, at participating Ontario retailers, one native tree seedling will be planted in the province. [Support now.](#)

Now You Can Protect Your Engine AND the Planet.

Active Green+Ross is offering a new and more environmentally friendly oil change called Eco-Power. Active Green+Ross is committing to further re-greening the environment by partnering with Trees Ontario to plant a tree on behalf of each customer who chooses the Eco-Power Oil Change option. [Support now.](#)



Ontario Forestry Association Update

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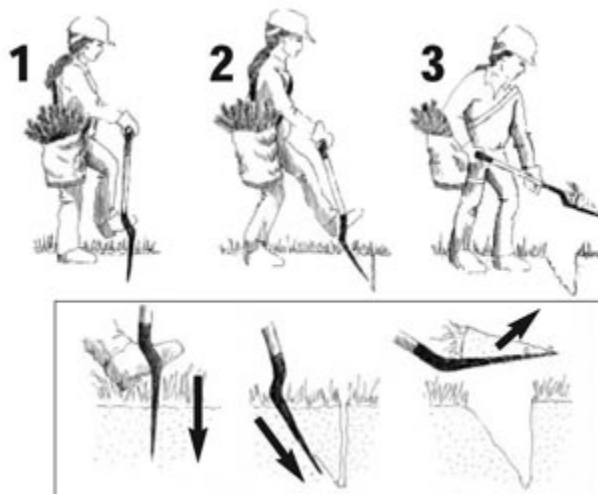
Every spring, high school students from across the province learn about the natural world – from forestry to aquatics, wildlife and soils – through the [Envirothon](#) program. Winners of regional competitions that took place this April across the province, will come together at the Provincial Envirothon Competition, set to take place at the Tim Horton Onondaga Farms May 4th-7th in St. George. The [Ontario Forestry Association](#) is excited to see these environmental leaders test their smarts at the provincial competition, with a chance to represent the province at the National Envirothon to take place in Sackville, New Brunswick in July! Interested in taking part at the Provincial Competition 4th-7th? Contact [Kristina Quinlan](#).

The Tree of Knowledge

Did you know?

This spring, to ensure the success of your tree planting projects follow the steps below:

Figures 1-3: Prepare a planting hole by removing a “wedge” of soil. Dig one side of hole straight down.



Figures 4-6: Place roots in the planting hole. Spread soil around the roots ensuring good contact. Pack the soil around the base of the seedling with your toe.

