

TreeMail



Summer 2009



Dear Trees Ontario Supporter, Welcome to our summer 2009 edition of TreeMail.

Our 2009 spring tree planting season is over and what a success it was! Trees Ontario, in partnership with our planting delivery agents across the province, planted close to 3 million trees on 600 sites.

Thank you to all of our partners, donors and corporate sponsors for helping us plant tomorrow's forests!

Click [here](#) for a map of the 2009 planting sites to date.

Trees Ontario works in partnership with 65 tree [planting delivery agents](#) across the province to provide tree planting subsidy programs to eligible landowners. To search for a planting delivery agent, such as a Conservation Authority, forestry consultant or Stewardship Council in your area, click [here](#). If you are a landowner and wish to learn more about how you can take part in one of our planting subsidy programs click [here](#).

Donate and [support](#) Trees Ontario and help contribute to a greener Ontario for everyone.

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The 50 Million Tree Weekend Plants 3,000 Trees in 5 Ontario Communities

Trees Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and five of our community planting partners held the first annual [50 Million Tree Weekend](#) on May 8 and 9, 2009.

Community tree planting events were held in Kingston, Guelph, Mississauga, Whitchurch-Stouffville and near Alliston, where over 400 participants including students, workplace teams and local residents planted over 3,000 trees.

[Click here](#) for a photo and video recap of the 50 Million Tree Weekend.



Heritage Tree Program



Heritage trees are grand and magnificent gifts of nature. For the communities that nurture them, they are a source of pride, full of rich memories and stories from the people who live there. Through Trees Ontario's new online Heritage Tree program, developed from the Ontario Urban Forest Council's (OUFC) Heritage Tree Toolkit, people now have a forum to share with others the stories and legacies of their local Heritage Trees.

To be recognized as a Heritage Tree, a nominated tree is evaluated based on the following characteristics: its historical and cultural importance to local and broader community; rarity of species; prominence based on size and age; aesthetics and/or artistic peculiarity; and its physical conditions and expected longevity.

Click [here](#) to be taken to the Heritage Tree website to learn more about the program and how you can nominate a tree today.

The Gift of Trees for New Parents, Newlyweds and Other Life Milestones

Trees Ontario is supported by individual, small business and corporate donors, as well as government grants and foundations.

Giving the gift of trees is a wonderful way to create a lasting memory – as wedding favours or gifts, or to welcome a new baby, mark an anniversary or reward business successes. Your gift will support our tree planting programs across the province.

With an In Honour gift of \$25 or more, we will send your recipient a beautiful card with your personal message inside. [Click here](#) to make this memorable gift.



When you give someone a seedling to plant from Trees Ontario, we will plant another seedling through our annual tree planting programs. In this way, you'll be making twice the contribution towards greening Ontario. [Click here](#) to find out how.

There are many other ways to support our tree planting programs. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Trees Ontario Salutes Its Corporate Partners

Trees Ontario would like to thank and recognize these recent corporate and small business supporters:

Canadian Tire

[CAA South Central Ontario](#)

Xerox Canada

Sporting Life

[Libro Financial Group](#)

C.H. Robinson
(London Branch)

Blue-Pencil Mobile
Shredding Service

Each of these generous partners is making a contribution to Trees Ontario's planting programs that will help plant tomorrow's forests. [Click here](#) to tell us about your ideas to help create a greener Ontario and join Trees Ontario's business partnership program.



Ontario Stewardship Rangers – Green Jobs for Ontario's Youth

Trees Ontario is partnering with the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide green jobs for the province's youth.

For eight weeks this summer, 39 Ontario Stewardship Ranger teams will be located across the province working on natural resources management projects with a number of community partners, such as conservation authorities, stewardship councils, municipal governments and not-for-profit organizations.

Each Ontario Stewardship Ranger team consists of one team lead and four rangers. Projects include: tree survival assessments, tracking and monitoring fish and wildlife populations; restoring lake, stream and wetland habitat; building boardwalks and trails; supporting species at risk and assisting with community events for kids. [Learn more](#)

Meet Trees Ontario's Newest Trustee

Trees Ontario's Board of Trustees is comprised of members of the public from diverse work and personal backgrounds, with a passion for the environment and a vision to see a greener Ontario. We're proud to have their support and guidance in reaching our goals to plant tomorrow's forests.

We'd like to welcome our newest Trustee, Mr. Donald L. Macdonald, Q.C.

Mr. Macdonald is a retired partner of the national law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, where at its legacy firm Borden & Elliot in Toronto, he spent his entire career as a civil litigator with the focus of his practice on insurance law cases before all levels of the courts of Ontario.

He and his wife Dorothy now reside in Orillia, where they also maintain their summer cottage. Mr. Macdonald has had a longtime interest in nature and the environment and has pursued this

through involvement with the Orillia Naturalists' Club where he has served as Treasurer for the past several years. He is past President of the Horseshoe Island Cottagers' Association. His other interests include astronomy, chess and tennis.

Meet all the [Trees Ontario Board of Trustees](#) members.

Workshops and Events

Trees Ontario hosts and attends numerous workshops and events across Ontario throughout the year. Recently we hosted our [3rd Annual Partners Meeting](#) in Orillia. This day-long meeting brought together Trees Ontario planting partners from conservation authorities, stewardship councils, nurseries and forestry consultant companies from across the province, in an open forum atmosphere to share thoughts, ideas and expertise. Trees Ontario would like to thank the 75 partners that attended for their continued support and excellent feedback.

Trees Ontario also recently hosted a free [seed forecasting workshop](#) in Essex, teaching about the importance of tree seed forecasting and collection to maintain biodiversity and stock numbers, thus ensuring healthy forests for the future.

Coming up, Trees Ontario will be hosting a [Certified Seed Collector workshop](#) in August as well as technical and landowner workshops this fall. We will also be attending various farm shows such as the International Plowing Match in Temiskaming, the Canadian Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock and the Hastings County Plowing Match & Farm Show in Belleville.

Visit our [events calendar](#) to view all upcoming Trees Ontario events and activities.



The Tree of Knowledge – Did You Know?

Summer's here and our trees need proper hydration just like we do! Help your trees thrive in the extremes of an Ontario summer.

Follow these tips from [Scott Brown, Trees Ontario Field Advisor](#) for Kawartha, Haliburton/Bancroft, Ganaraska, Otonabee and Crowe Valley:

New trees: when planting the tree, water the root ball and the hole that was created for the tree. Don't wash the soil away from the root ball; give more of a gentle spray. After the tree is planted, the soil depth around the trunk should be the highest point so water does not sit at the base of the tree. A slight grade is all that is required. Look to watering it once a week, especially if we're experiencing dry conditions. A slow watering (trickle hose, light spray) is best as you want the water to saturate the soil between 40-60 cm. Heavier clay type soils may require intermittent watering to avoid runoff.

Established trees: watering every other week is a good guideline. Focus watering in a band around the drip line of tree – that's the circle that could be drawn around a tree directly under the tips of its outermost branches. Try not to water the base of the tree as this does not benefit the fine roots that do all the work. Aim for a deep and slow mist or trickle. Early in the morning is ideal before the water will evaporate. Evening watering may promote fungus or mould growth.

Mid to late summer: this is a key time for watering as hot humid conditions have the tree working hard to keep cool, thus transpiring a lot of water.

