

TreeMail

Spring 2009



Dear Trees Ontario Supporter, we would like to welcome you to the spring 2009 edition of TreeMail.

This year Trees Ontario, in partnership with planting delivery agents across the province, is gearing up to plant more than 2 million trees in 2009, starting this spring. Click [here](#) for a map of the 2009 planting sites to date.

Trees Ontario works in partnership with 62 [planting delivery agents](#) across the province to provide tree planting subsidy programs to eligible private landowners. To search for a planting delivery agent, such as a Conservation Authority or Stewardship Council in your area, click [here](#). If you are a private landowner and wish to learn more about how you can take part in one of our planting subsidy programs this spring, click [here](#).

Donate and [support](#) Trees Ontario in our 2009 plantings and help contribute to a greener Ontario for everyone.

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Be One in 50 Million - Plant a Tree With Us

Join Trees Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and our community planting partners for the first annual 50 Million Tree Weekend May 8th & 9th, 2009.

A series of community tree planting events will be held across the province in support of the Ontario government's [50 Million Tree Program](#), part of the [United Nations Billion Tree Campaign](#). The United Nations' goal is to plant one billion trees worldwide. Ontario has committed to plant 50 million trees by 2020.

Stay tuned to the Trees Ontario website for more event details: www.treesontario.ca

Workshops and Events

This past winter, Trees Ontario, the [Ontario Forestry Association](#) (OFA) and select partners hosted a successful series of eight [landowner workshops](#) across the province, with over 430 landowners attending. Landowners learned about the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, administered by the OFA as well as the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' [50 Million Tree Program](#), and how they can participate. One such participating landowner is Dr. Bill Ford. Click [here](#) to read Bill's story.



A new series of landowner workshops is being planned for this fall. Stay tuned to the Trees Ontario website for details, dates and locations.

Trees Ontario will be attending the [Green Living Show](#) on April 24-26, 2009 at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto. Visit us at the Tree Power exhibit, an urban forest experience. Click [here](#) to download your 2-for-1 pass to the show.

Visit our [events calendar](#) for other upcoming Trees Ontario events and activities.

Friends of Trees Ontario Help Us Grow Year Round

Trees Ontario, working with its partners, is the largest, not-for-profit tree planting partnership in North America. It is committed to the re-greening of Ontario through a range of tree planting activities. Trees Ontario is supported by individual, small business and corporate donors, as well as government grants and foundations.

Continued support and donations are required in order for Trees Ontario to increase its tree planting capacity and meet its planting targets.

[Donate](#) to Trees Ontario to help support our tree planting programs. Becoming a Friends of Trees Ontario by making a monthly gift of \$25 or more will help provide steady, reliable support to the organization's planting programs. In addition to regular donation recognition, Friends of Trees Ontario monthly donors also receive:

- Donor recognition with name published in the Trees Ontario annual report.
- Access to an online map highlighting where your trees are planted.
- Copies of all Trees Ontario reports and publications.

Donate now through [Canada Helps](#) and join the Friends of Trees Ontario [monthly donor program](#).



Trees Ontario Salutes its Corporate Partners

Trees Ontario is proud to have Canadian Tire, [Metro](#) and [Mirage](#) among its recent corporate supporters. Each of these generous partners have made a significant contribution to Trees Ontario's planting programs through point of sale programs that have helped educate customers about Trees Ontario and how we're planting tomorrow's forests. If you would like to join Trees Ontario's business partnership program, [click here](#) to tell us about your ideas to help create a greener Ontario.

Ontario Forestry Association Update

Trees Ontario is a proud partner of the [Ontario Forestry Association \(OFA\)](#), which is dedicated to

raising awareness of Ontario's forests and committed to the stewardship of forest ecosystems. On February 6, 2009, the OFA celebrated its 60th anniversary with a conference and general meeting in Alliston, Ontario. The theme of the conference, *The Value of Our Forest*, offered a timely look at the extensive value of forested regions in Ontario.

Presentations ranged from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's explanation of their [Managed Forest valuation criteria](#) for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), to a plenary speech on [Ecological Goods & Services](#) and what they mean to Ontario landowners by Ron Reid, Executive Director of the Couchiching Conservancy. Jim Coats, as Honourary Conference Chair and Master of Ceremonies, shared his reflections on the OFA's 60-year history, while keynote speaker, Ken Armson looked to the past and future in his special address, "The Value of History in the Forest."

Fire Prevention – Home Owners FireSmart Manual Available

After a long winter rest, the onset of spring is upon us and trees are returning to life; bringing back the beautiful green landscape of Ontario. However, with the advent of warmer and dryer weather, comes a higher risk of wildfires starting.

Ontario averages over 1300 wildfires each year from Georgian Bay to Hudson's Bay and about half of these are started by people. Many of these fires occur in areas called the urban interface zone where homes, cottages and subdivisions are built into the forest landscape.

Is your property at risk?

[FireSmart](#) is a Ministry of Natural Resources' program that provides information to help communities and homeowners take action and protect their properties and adjacent natural resources from the risk of wildfires.

To find out if your property is at risk, look through their "[Home Owners FireSmart Manual](#)". There you can complete the home owner's survey on your own property and assess the potential risk of loss due to a wildfire. For more FireSmart information please [contact the Fire Advisor](#) in your area.

(*information taken from [here](#))

The Tree of Knowledge – Did You Know?

Unlike the chicken and egg debate, we know that seeds are needed before trees can grow. One tiny seed can become a giant tree capturing carbon from our atmosphere every year. The one seed that grows into a tree may be among hundreds or thousands of other seeds that did not propagate or were blown elsewhere.

Collecting seeds and tracking those that sprout, compiling information about seed availability, location, type and quantity is an important component in further building Ontario's tree planting infrastructure, and it is vital to the overall success of long-term planning for tree planting in Ontario.

Those that have a keen interest in seed forecasting, such as foresters, landowners, current seed collectors, biologists, arborists and naturalists can learn more by joining one of two seed forecasting workshops to take place on June 3 and 24.

For more workshop information and to register click [here](#).



Trees Ontario's Vision

Trees Ontario's vision is to enhance the health and integrity of the environment through tree planting and sustainable management of Ontario's forests. [LEARN MORE](#)

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