

A Winter Newsletter from Maple Leaves Forever.

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## MAPLE LEAVES FOREVER NEWS



Above: Ken Jewett, Founder of Maple Leaves Forever receives White Pine Award from Mike O'Hara, President of Hurontario Woodlot Owners Association

### **MLF Founder Ken Jewett receives White Pine Award from HWOA**

Maple Leaves Forever participated in the Huronia Woodlot Owners Association's annual meeting held in Elmvalle on November 18th. The Association has planted 18,000 native maples since it was formalized in 1971. The financial support of Maple Leaves

**REMINDER:**  
Our **THANK YOU REBATE** is now 25% towards the cost of qualifying native maples. Apply by March 31st for Spring plantings.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for Rebate Details & Application Form



### **Planning Ahead for Tree Planting**

[Read more on our Blog >](#)



### MLF supports Canada 150 tree planting at Clearwater Farm

On October 28th, Ken Jewett and Maple Leaves Forever travelled to the York Region to participated in an event at the Clearwater Farm in Georgina, on the edge of Lake Simcoe. One hundred and fifty native maple trees were planted on the property in 2017 in recognition of Canada's sesquicentennial, supported in part by generous funding from Maple Leaves Forever.

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out [PLANNING FOR TREE PLANTING](#) in our [CARE AND PLANTING GUIDES area on our website](#).

[Excerpt]

Walk the area you plan to plant and ask yourself some questions:

- Is the topography, soil texture and drainage suitable for planting native maples? **Soil texture** and **drainage** will guide your tree species selection.
- Should I have the soil sampled to determine **fertility and acidity or alkalinity**?
- Which **species** best suit my objectives, **where** will the trees be planted, at what **spacing** and who I need help to plant the trees?

- Carl Mansfield, Arboreal Consultant, MLF

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### MLF participated in recent industry conferences

Maple Leaves Forever was proud to attend two major annual industry conferences in the past couple of months - the [2018 Landscape Ontario Congress January 9-11](#), and the [2018 Forests Ontario Conference "The Ripple Effect" on February 9th](#).



Mark Cullen and son visited the MLF booth at LOCongress! L to R are Ben Cullen, Emad Ali (MLF's Marketing expert), Mark Cullen, and Carl Mansfield (MLF's "tree guy").

## November - December

- monitor for tree damage or stress (snow load, ice damage, vandalism and rodent or deer browsing).
- prune only to remove dead, cracked or broken branches.

## January

- monitor for tree damage or stress
- [prepare planting plans](#) for upcoming year
- place order for Native Maples from [nursery](#). (You may be disappointed if you delay doing this now)

## February

- continue to monitor for tree damage or stress

Native Maples should **not be pruned** during the late winter through early spring season. Bleeding (loss of sap from pruning wounds) can be excessive when birch, maple, walnut, beech hornbeam and willow are pruned during this time. Wait until the leaves have fully formed in summer. [Pruning](#) can also be done in late fall and early winter times.

## 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 March 31, 2018.

## April

- pick up trees at nursery or take delivery of trees from nursery
- take care to properly [transport and deliver](#) your native maples prior to planting
- new planting (or transplanting) - plant when soil conditions are favourable
- [Water](#) deeply and thoroughly; add mulch
- stake newly planted trees, if necessary
- prepare a plan for watering the trees through the growing season
- established plantings - [add or replace mulch](#) and clear surrounding weeds
- remove stakes from trees that have been staked for two or more years.



## 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 hard feelings.

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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