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Volunteer Opportunities In Urban Forestry

If you are interested in helping to improve Toronto's urban forest, we offer many opportunities to get involved. There is also a long list of other groups looking for volunteers (see the back of this factsheet).

Did you know?

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There are approximately 2.5 million trees in Toronto's parks and ravines.

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A young tree that is left unstaked will develop a deeper, stronger root system and stronger trunk in response to movement in the wind.

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Air and water quality benefits increase with the size and age of a tree. Preserving mature trees is one of the best ways to help our environment.

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Peat moss is mined from peat bogs, an ecologically destructive activity. Use compost or well-composted manure in your garden instead.

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Drought, root damage, excessive paving, salt spray and vandalism are just a few urban stresses trees must cope with.

Put your skills to work for our urban forest

LEAF welcomes volunteers who care about Toronto's urban forest and have some time to contribute. There are many different ways to get involved. Volunteers are matched with tasks that suit their interests, abilities and schedule.

Examples of volunteer positions include:

- ◆ Outreach Assistant – helping staff our educational display at community events
- ◆ Graphic Artist – designing educational and promotional materials
- ◆ Researcher/Writer – providing articles for our monthly newsletters
- ◆ Office Assistant – answering telephones, data entry and general administration

Become a Tree Tender

Are you concerned about the trees in your own neighbourhood? Would you like to see the benefits of your volunteer efforts right on your own street? Our *Tree Tenders* program provides training and support for dedicated volunteers who want to help the urban forest in their own neighbourhoods. LEAF can offer training and some of the materials you will need to get started. Examples of the things you can do include:

- ◆ Encourage neighbours to plant trees along the streets and in their backyards
- ◆ Care for young trees to increase survival rates
- ◆ Monitor mature street trees for signs of stress and report them to the city
- ◆ Plant trees in a nearby park or open space

Visit www.leafontario.org or call us at 416-413-9244 to discuss volunteering.



Factsheets in the series:



The Three "P"s of Healthy Trees



Top 10 Things To Do for Your Trees



Selecting a Tree Care Company



Inventories: The Place to Start



Improving the Urban Forest in your Neighbourhood



Protecting Our Trees: City of Toronto Bylaws and Policies



Fundraising for Your Urban Forest Project



Made in the Shade: Shade Trees for Sun Safety



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Trees: The Key to Cleaner Air



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Other volunteer opportunities

City of Toronto – Natural Environment and Horticulture Section
416-392-5323

<http://www.toronto.ca/greentoronto/index.htm>

Citizens' Environment Watch

416-978-4144

www.citizensenvironmentwatch.org

Evergreen

416-596-1495

www.evergreen.ca

Friends of the Don East

416-466-9153

www.fode.ca

High Park Volunteer Stewardship Program

416-392-1748

www.highpark.org

North Toronto Green Community

416-781-7663

www.ntgc.ca

Task Force to Bring Back the Don

416-392-0401

www.toronto.ca/don

Toronto and Region Conservation

416-661-6600 x5677

www.trca.on.ca/events/volunteer

Toronto Bay Initiative

416-358-0443

www.torontobay.net

Toronto Environmental Volunteers

416-397-4838

<http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/outreach/tev/index.htm>