
Toronto’s trees clean the air, provide cooling shade in the summer, reduce heating costs in the winter, reduce erosion and storm water runoff, and increase property values.

Reusing trees that are dead or dying is a green and sustainable practice.
Toronto loses thousands of trees each year from natural deaths, diseases and pests, storms and removals for safety reasons. Wood craftspeople can create wonderful tributes to these beloved downed trees and owners of items made from urban trees have inspiring stories to tell!

Salvaged urban trees can yield:
- Character wood for woodworking
- High quality lumber for furniture making
- Building materials for flooring, stair cases and millwork
- Mulch for landscaping
- Fuel for heat or generating electricity
- And much more!

If you must have a tree removed then consider having something made from its wood.

Looking to be more sustainable? Then consider purchasing urban wood furniture, carvings, and gifts by local artisans. By asking for products made from Toronto’s urban wood, you can support local companies, help create local jobs and keep local dollars in our community.

To find local wood workers and furniture makers who can make wood products from urban lumber visit the urban wood industry directory website at: www.toronto.ca/urbanwooddirectory

For more information on harvesting urban wood please visit: www.yourleaf.org/urban-wood-utilization

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