
LIONS & THE ENVIRONMENT



DISTRICT A3 NEWLETTER

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TREE PLANTING

As you all know Lions in Canada are celebrating a pretty impressive milestone of 100 years in Lionism in 2020. We have been challenged by the Past International President from Alberta, also known fondly as Judge Brian, to plant 100,000 trees to celebrate this awesome achievement. You may think that that's a pretty lofty goal but I assure you, as someone who has worked with Conservation Authorities in the past, it's totally achievable!

If your club is wants to plant one tree or 500 trees, now is the time to start planning! The where, why, how, what and when of tree planting are very important to work out if you want your trees to survive to maturity and beyond. But don't stress! There are resources out there to get your club on the right path. Even if you've never planted trees before.



The trees we plant today will be enjoyed by future generations of Lions.

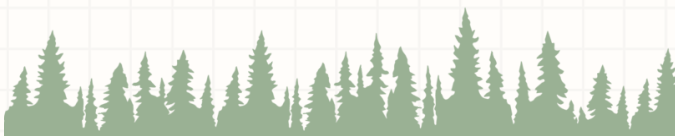
ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to submit your entries to the Environmental Photo Contest into me no later than April 24, 2020.

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BRANCHING OUT

PLANNING YOUR PROJECT



DON'T GO IT ALONE

We all know that collaborating with another organization can make a great project even better. If you're looking for partners for a tree planting program you can't get any better than your local Conservation Authority or your local Stewardship Council. They have experts that can help you with species selection, finding a site and they even have a funded tree sales program for seedlings!

CHOOSING A TREE SIZE

Choosing the size of trees your club wants to plant is the first step.

Planting a large ball and burlap tree is a great way to get faster results and is often the choice for a club that wants to do a dedication or memorial. The planting process may be work for a few members but it doesn't require much site preparation. Larger trees can be expensive though and losing one can mean the project isn't successful.

The challenge with planting tree seedlings is that you need to find a large plot of land to do your project on and site preparation is usually required. Seedlings tend to be inexpensive, although you may be required to purchase a large quantity from your source. A large planting means more opportunity for success.

CHOOSING A SPECIES

When selecting a tree species for your project it's very important that you take the site's properties into account. Consideration should be taken for whether site is wet or dry, shaded or full sun, windy or sheltered. Native tree species are always the best options because while ornamental species may be pretty they are less hearty and not as beneficial to wildlife. Your partners at the Conservation Authorities or Stewardship Councils will be able to help you choose the best tree species for your site.