



Measures for Community Tree Planting Events

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The following measures were developed to help protect the health and wellbeing of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (Conservation Authority) employees, landowners, and community members while tree planting.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Disinfectant spray or wipes and hand sanitizer will be available on site for employees and volunteers.
- Work gloves will be provided to each employee (as requested). Work gloves will not be shared between employees.
- Steel toed boots are always to be worn on site by employees. Employees are to provide their own.

Confirm Planting with Community Group and Landowner

- Landowner and community group lead will be contacted to confirm they are still comfortable with the planting.
- Employees will outline the Conservation Authority's Measures for Community Tree Planting Events to landowner and community group leads.
- Employees will save email with confirmation of landowner and community group lead permission granted to proceed with planting.
- Employees will communicate with each of the landowners and community groups that additional vehicle parking may be allowed on site and/or identify safe locations for parking.

Loading trees for planting day

- Employees will pick up and load the required stock for the days planting at the cold storage unit the night before, or the morning of planting (weather dependent).

Parking on Site

- Parking will only be in areas that are designated by landowner.
- Accommodations for extra vehicles will be made before the event.

- Use of orange pylons at front and back of all Conservation Authority vehicles when parking on roadways, will be required as per the Authority's Traffic Protection or Safety Plan.

Planting

- Employees and volunteers are to keep 2 meters (6 feet) spacing at all times.
- Employees will check for tripping hazards, poisonous plants, and other potential hazards on site.
- Face coverings could be worn but are not mandatory. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Employees and volunteers are required to bring their own water.
- Conservation Authority vehicles will each be equipped with a first aid kit.
- Each volunteer will be provided a shovel. Spray and paper towels will be available if volunteers want to clean their own shovel. Volunteers may also bring their own shovel.
- Each volunteer/volunteer group will only attend during their allotted time slot as per their registration.
- Each volunteer/volunteer group will take all personal garbage with them.

Registration

- On-line registration, along with signed waivers, will be mandatory.
- Volunteers will register on-line with name, contact (email or phone) and names of everyone attending. This is printed off before the event and will be checked at the event.

Packing Up

- Garbage will be removed off site and disposed of at Scanlon Creek.

Cross Reference

- G-11-Traffic Protection or Safety Plan