

Trees for Rural Roads

Guidelines & Application

Thank you for your interest in the Trees for Rural Roads program. Please carefully review the following guidelines and submit your completed application, along with the required supporting information, to the applicable Conservation Authority.

Eligibility:

- The Trees for Rural Roads program is available to all rural residents.
- All Applicants will be notified of the results of the review of their application.
- Successful Applicants will be contacted in early April updating them on next steps.

Requirements for Tree Planting:

- Trees must be planted along the property line on private property, adjacent to the roadway. Trees will not be provided to plant along Provincial roadways, private roads, unopened/unmaintained roads or in urban areas (Courtice, Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Orono).
- A 25 foot (8 metre) offset must be provided from power lines and other overhead or underground obstructions.
- A limited number of native shrub species are available where tree planting is not practical or feasible due to property constraints (E.g. hydro wires). Distribution will be at the discretion of the applicable Conservation Authority.
- The program allows the number of trees needed to plant one row along the roadway. The spacing requirement is one deciduous tree for every 40 feet (12 metres) of road frontage, and one evergreen tree for every 20 feet (6 metres) of road frontage.
- A maximum of 30 trees per year are allowed. Replacement trees as a result of mortality are also allowed.
- Tree planting and maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner.

Additional Information:

- The program distributes small potted evergreen and bare-root and potted deciduous saplings (approximately three years old - size varies). This size is easier to transport and plant, and the growth will catch up to caliper stock over time.
 - Trees, tree guards for deciduous trees and mulch mats* for all trees are provided for free. Planting instructions are also provided.
- *Quantities may be limited.

www.clarington.net/TreesForRuralRoads





Trees for Rural Roads Application Form

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Please submit application in **full** to the applicable Conservation Authority:

Owner Information			
Surname:		First Name:	
Mailing Address:		Town:	
Postal Code:		Email:	
Daytime Phone No.:		Evening Phone No.:	
Proposed Planting Details			
Address:			
Closest Intersection:			
Lot:		Former Township:	Darlington (CLOCA)* <input type="checkbox"/>
Concession:			Clarke (GRCA)* <input type="checkbox"/>
Side of road:	North <input type="checkbox"/>	South <input type="checkbox"/>	East <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated length of area to contain planting: _____ metres _____ feet			
Soil conditions: Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/> Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Loam <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Replacing dead / dying trees: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

Trees Requested

Native Tree Species	Soil Conditions	# of Trees Requested
White Pine 12-18" potted	Prefers well drained sites	
White Spruce 12-18" potted	Prefers well drained sites	
Red Oak 3-4' potted	Prefers dry well drained sites	
Bur Oak 3-4' potted	Tolerates a variety of soil types and moistures	
White Birch 4-5' bare root	Prefers moist to well drained sites	
Sugar Maple 3-4' bare root	Prefers well drained sites	
Silver Maple 3-4' bare root	Prefers moist sites	
Red Maple 3-4' bare root	Prefers moist sites	
Total number of trees: (Maximum 30 trees per Applicant or property)		

Notes:

* Map showing Conservation Authority boundaries available at www.clarington.net/treesforruralroads

Planting Location

Please include with your application one of the following indicating the intended location for planting. Check one of the following based on your submission:

- Sketch (example available at www.clarington.net/TreesforRuralRoads)
- Map (maps available at www.clarington.net/en/live-here/maps.asp)

Applicants may also submit photos showing your intended planting area. If you are replacing dead or dying trees, please submit photos of the trees intended for replacement, if possible.

Photos submitted in support of application: Yes No

Conditions

Eligibility for involvement in "Trees for Rural Roads" may be limited by overhead or underground utilities, site lines, drainage, or suitability of planting site. Spacing and location will depend upon suitability of site for species requested, such as soil and drainage, location of existing trees on the property, etc.

Every effort will be made to inform the landowner in how they can increase the chances of survival and tree growth. It is understood that the survival of individual trees cannot be, and is not, guaranteed. The Applicant agrees to plant the trees adjacent to the road right-of-way on the property owners private property. Planting instructions will be provided. It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure trees being planted do not in any way interfere with above and below ground utilities. The Trees for Rural Roads Program does not take any responsibility in the long-term care and maintenance of the trees planted under this program.

I consent to receive information about events, programs and services by email from my applicable Conservation Authority and to receive program-related information from the Municipality of Clarington.

Yes No

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



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