



Tree News

September 2024

New case of Dutch Elm Disease identified in Saskatoon!

The City of Saskatoon Parks Department has confirmed a new positive case of Dutch elm disease (DED) in an elm tree in the Varsity View neighbourhood and has initiated its DED Response Plan. DED is a serious disease caused by a fungus that clogs the elm tree's water and nutrient conducting system, which eventually causes the tree to die. In Saskatoon, elms make up 25% of our urban forest. Help protect our elms by learning how you can help Prevent DED <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/housing-property/city-owned-trees/tree-diseases-pests/dutch-elm-disease>.

It's time to talk to your neighbours and family members about not burning and storing elm wood. If they have it in their yards remove it and take it to the landfill free of charge. Don't delay, do it today, our Saskatoon tree survival depends on it.

Annual General Meeting

The 2024 SOS Trees Coalition AGM will be at 6:30 pm on Monday September 9, 2024 at Sunnyside Care Home, 2200 St. Henry Ave.

The meeting will begin with a short walking tour and talk through the fruit trees planted during Arbor Week 2022 at Sunnyside. The fruit trees are already contributing to the wellness of the residents of the care home. The tour will be followed by a brief annual meeting, so come for the tour or come for the meeting or stay for both. We hope to see you there.



Sunnyside fruit trees planted for Arbor Week in 2022

Volunteer Opportunities

Tree Planting Opportunities

ERCO Tree Plant @ ERCO Worldwide Site: Wed. August 28, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Meewasin will be planting 800 trees at ERCO worldwide along Wanuskewin Road with the assistance of our head horticulturist, Chanel. Planting native tree species is important for our riverbank, and indeed the Valley. Join us for a chance to plant a series of legacy trees in this important area.

More info: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1msyeKQ2nPhjE4OoBawcQ_oluEXiJXeQunQbotkfgtul/edit
Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ-pD214BIQhbdDBHDI2y-Thlrgb9BSEaZ2zhb5sJw2y24IA/viewform>

Tree Canada National Tree Day Planting Sat. Sept. 28, 1:00 PM

Ellis Hall on the U of S campus
Saskatoon, for details or to
register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tree-canadas-national-tree-day-planting-event-in-saskatoon-tickets-967013301817?aff=oddtcreator>



Become a Tree Steward



Tree planting site being maintained (watered and weeded) by volunteers!

Thanks to our volunteer Tree Stewards the SOS Trees Coalition tree plantings are coming along quite nicely. One thing that has become painfully obvious is that watering trees can easily surpass the cost of planting trees. In Saskatoon the general rule is to water and weed for 3 three years. SOS Trees is tackling this challenge by recruiting individuals who assist with watering and maintenance of our tree plantings. This occurs weekly at our McPherson planting and bi weekly at our Sutherland planting.

You can help once a week or once a month. Join us for an hour with watering and/or weeding or if you just want more information please email trees@sostrees.ca. We look forward to expanding planting in Saskatoon with your help.

Information You Can Use

News From Our Friends at [EcoFriendly West](#)

The BC government is encouraging 'salvage' logging in areas burnt by wildfires. But 'salvage' isn't always the right word as it includes living trees that "can offer refuge for a plethora of wildlife and a jump start for regenerating the burned forest next door". [[The Narwhal](https://thenarwhal.ca/bc-wildfires-salvage-logging-investigation/) <https://thenarwhal.ca/bc-wildfires-salvage-logging-investigation/>]

We Need You. Get involved! Stand up for our trees & join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. In addition to Arbor Week, our largest public education event, we are advocating for the City tree protection bylaw, increased City tree planting and monitoring Saskatoon's Urban Forestry Management Plan. Every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition. Please take a moment today and sign up for your [Membership](#) and/or donation today. Thank you!



Memberships can also be purchased by printing out and sending our [membership form](#) PDF format. Payment can be mailed or sent to us via [e-transfer](#).

Create Your Tree Legacy

A planned gift may be one of the most impactful ways that you can support the trees in Saskatoon. A planned gift, life insurance, annuity, etc. to SOS Trees Coalition will make a difference. A great example is the gift left by Joan Browne. The Joan Browne fund has been a supporter of Arbor Week tree planting activities and other educational programs. We are very thankful for the forethought that Joan Browne had and her vision of Saskatoon with a healthy urban forest. For more information on how you can include SOS Trees Coalition in your estate planning email us at trees@sostrees.ca.

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SOS Trees Coalition is pleased to offer this electronic newsletter to our members and supporters who have an interest in trees in Saskatoon. Through sharing information we can all be more consistently informed and therefore become better advocates for our urban forest and the individual trees that make life so much more enjoyable. If you do not want to receive this newsletter or to share your comments with us regarding our publication please email us at trees@sostrees.ca You can also follow us on Facebook at SOS Trees Coalition <https://www.facebook.com/SOSTreesCoalition>.

Membership and contributions to SOS Trees Coalition support the protection and fostering of stewardship of Saskatoon's urban forest. To become a member or supporter go to: [membership](#) or you can mail directly to: [1618 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K3A1](#). SOS Trees Coalition is a registered charity.