

Why locally sourced seeds and native trees matter



Locally sourced seeds means collecting and using seeds from where they will be planted.

Planting locally sourced seeds means that you will be planting urban trees that are well suited to their habitat and have demonstrated resilience to extreme weather conditions.

We support using locally sourced seeds to plant urban trees that are adapted to the local area. This helps ensure they grow into a healthy and mature state.

Similar to the City of Toronto, we also promote the planting of native species that is hardy to the Toronto area and suitable for the urban environment.

Trees that are native to Southern Ontario are trees that occurred naturally in the area. These trees are well adapted to the soil and climate conditions of the area.

Selecting the appropriate species for planting can be tricky due to climate change. It is favourable to select trees from Southern Ontario. They will have a good chance of surviving and will support the urban forest in the future.

The City of Toronto discourages the planting of invasive species such as Norway Maple. Butternut is not planted because of Butternut Canker disease, Elm is not planted because of Dutch Elm disease and Ash can not be planted due to Emerald Ash Borer disease.