

Planting Day Tips—Small Trees

The tools you'll need

- shovels and rakes
- hoses (5/8"), hose nozzles
- watering cans, toy sand buckets for younger students to use for carrying water and mulch
- wheelbarrows or plastic/metal wagons so younger students can participate

TIP: Take pictures of your project on planting day. These photos can be used for school newsletters and community newspapers, and to show your funders what you have accomplished.



Involve students on planting day! Create a work plan that organizes students into crews with an adult supervisor. Each crew will be responsible for a specific task.

► Have you...

- marked planting areas (with stakes, orange cones, or spray paint)?
- persuaded adult volunteers to supervise the planting (paying attention to safety issues as well as seeing that the trees are planted, correctly mulched, watered, and with trunks protected)?
- supplied volunteers with copies of your detailed plan so that several people have a clear idea of the whole project? (See pages 23-24 of TDSB's *EcoSchools School Ground Greening: Designing for Shade and Energy Conservation* for details and an illustration.)
- got all the necessary tools ready? (Check to see if your volunteers can supply what is needed.)
- made sure student volunteers have gloves, sturdy shoes, and hats? Do you have sunscreen available?
- thought of ways to make it fun? It's wise to reward hard-working students with snacks and drinks during the day.

► Managing private suppliers

- Contact native plant nurseries early to order shrubs.
- Check to see if there is any charge for delivery, and if they guarantee their stock (usually 1 to 2 years).
- Make sure that you know what your contract includes.
- Arrange for early morning delivery of plant materials on your planting day.