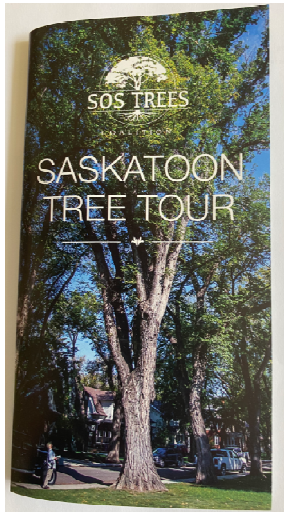




Tree News

May 2025



The new SOS Tree Tour Booklet is now available

This edition includes more tree species and multiple locations around the city for each species. Tree Tour Booklets are available at:

Steephill, Early's, Western Development Museum, The Wild Bird Store and Dutch Growers.

Arbor Week Community Tree Planting - Volunteers Needed



Friday May 30th at 9 am (alternate date in case of rain June 2nd) - Come out and help plant a naturalized tree and shrub forest at Pierre Radisson Park, 31st Street West & McMillan Ave. You can join students from École Henry Kelsey School and the Outdoor School along with SOS Trees members and other volunteers. There will be time to ask tree related questions and to have fun meeting others who want to help green Saskatoon through community work. If you have a shovel, gloves, wheelbarrow or small pails for watering bring them along. We will also have some of these supplies available to use. Please RSVP to trees@sostrees.ca if you can join us.



Arbor Week Film Night

This year's film night is **May 29th at 7:00 PM**, hosted by and at **Outter Limits**, 630 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30, Film at 7:00. This year's film is **Borealis** (1.5 hours) about Canada's forests and the relationships that people have with them as well as the natural processes.

Door prizes and snacks will be provided. Pick up your 2025 Tree Tour booklet and DED refrigerator magnet. Please RSVP to Outter limits 306-374-1663 or email trees@sostrees.ca.



Thank you to all of our volunteers who provided education about Dutch Elm Disease and distributed the new Tree Tour booklet at Dutch Growers Spring Open House and Lawson Heights Mall's sustainability week.

Volunteer Tree Stewards Needed

SOS Trees Coalition has completed three tree plantings and are in the midst of final planning Arbor Week 2025 planting event. 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 going to attempt to address this challenge through the development of a volunteer tree stewardship group. Tree Stewards will help with watering, weeding, etc. This could be once a week or once a month but we will need help. If you are interested in helping by spending 2 hours with watering and/or weeding or if you just want more information please email trees@sostrees.ca so we can add you to our returning Tree Stewards from 2024. We look forward to expanding planting in Saskatoon with your help.

Information You Can Use

From our friends at [EcoFriendly West](#) and others.

Man chops down trees in Los Angeles, held on \$150,000 bail. [NPR
https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/nx-s1-5376478/los-angeles-trees-chopped-down](https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/nx-s1-5376478/los-angeles-trees-chopped-down)

Active forest management (clearcuts, roads, burning undergrowth, commercial thinning, post-disturbance logging) degrade natural ecosystems and could trigger large, fast-moving wildfires. [\[The Revelator\]
https://therevelator.org/active-management-harms-forests/](https://therevelator.org/active-management-harms-forests/)

[Residents on one street in Winnipeg](https://treespleasewinnipeg.com/2025/03/newman-st-neighbours-team-up-to-save-elms/) were tired of losing their elms to Dutch Elm Disease. They raised enough money to inoculate 7 trees, protecting the trees for the next 3 years.
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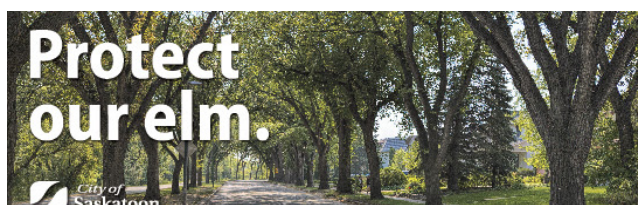
2nd Annual Pollinator Celebration

Wild About Saskatoon's 2nd Annual Pollinator Celebration and Native Plant Sale will take place on Sunday June 8th from 1 to 4 pm at the Buena Vista Garden and School Grounds (McPherson Avenue between 5th and 6th St. E.).

Dutch Elm Disease Reminder

Help protect our beautiful elm trees and historic canopies by:

1. Not storing or burning elm wood
2. Disposing of elm wood at the Saskatoon Landfill (it's free for residential loads!)
3. Never pruning elms during the April 1 – August 31 ban
4. If you spot unhealthy elms or suspicious wood, report it by submitting a photo online: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/housing-property/city-owned-trees/tree-diseases-pests/dutch-elm-disease#dedform>



Learn more at saskatoon.ca/dutchelmdisease.

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 tree protection and increased City tree planting and monitoring of 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!

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Memberships can also be purchased by printing out & sending our membership form: <https://sostrees.ca/pdf/SOS-Trees-MembershipForm-2022.pdf>. 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.