

Tree Planting Family Day FAQ

1. Why is 105 Gibson holding a tree-planting event?

Tree-planting is an enjoyable and educational event for all ages. This is also a practical way to show our care and concern for our neighbourhood communities and the environment.

2. Which organization is helping us in tree-planting?

We are partnering with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority whose mandate is to safeguard and enhance the well-being of watershed communities through the protection and restoration of the natural environment. The TRCA will provide the young native trees and shrubs (2 to 3-year-old plants in 1 to 2-gallon pots) and guide us through the process.

3. Does all the money raised go to 105 Gibson?

105 Gibson will donate a portion of the proceeds (about 10%) to TRCA to cover the material cost. The remainder (majority portion) of the funds will go towards supporting the ministries and programs at 105 Gibson.

4. How is the site for this event chosen?

Phyllis Rawlinson Park is the only one available site in the Richmond Hill/Markham area offered to us where TRCA is conducting conservation work. This park is part of a natural green belt known as the Oak Ridges Moraine. Park facilities include picnic areas, forest trails, an interpretative centre, and historic structures.

5. What are the ways that we can participate in this event?

There are different means of participation: a) donate money; b) participate in planting trees; or c) just come and enjoy a morning in the park with family, friends and us.

6. How much does it cost to donate a tree?

The donation amount is set at \$50 per tree. Tax receipts will be issued.

7. If I donate a tree in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, will there be a tree marker?

There will not be any tree marker or plaque. However, a note of acknowledgment will be sent by email or mail to the recipient or family based on request.

8. Do I need to bring any gardening tools?

TRCA will supply all the tools needed. However, there is only a limited supply of gardening gloves; so, do bring your own gloves.

9. What should I wear?

Do wear comfortable footwear and clothing suitable for the outdoors.

10. Is transportation provided?

Please arrange your own transportation. Carpooling is good for the environment.

11. What time should I get there and where do we meet at the park?

Please arrive between 9 - 9:30am and park in the main parking lot next to the interpretive centre. There will be staff and signage in place that day to guide you to the planting area - see link below for parking area: <https://goo.gl/maps/ufjgF5P2PeJ2>



12. Any lunch provided?

Only light snacks will be provided. To be eco-friendly, please bring your own reusable water bottles. The event will finish at noon.