

## Other ideas for Arbor Day

### 1) Local nurseries –

Local nurseries may be happy to also promote Arbor Day and Arbor Day activities. They may assist with help with special trees for planting, have more information about Arbor Day and be willing to post posters reminding people to be involved.

### 2) Check for places where trees are available –

Check with local authorities for places to find self-seeded trees to move. Many young trees that are growing in and near existing plantations (e.g. spruce and Scots Pine and in local ditches near farmyards where there have been (are) shelter belts). Saltcoats School students planted over a 100 such trees a year ago - digging them from a belt of trees just across the street from the school grounds. Within town various residents have called our local committee offering trees/shrubs from their gardens.

### 3) Local Areas of Habitat –

In the past, Sask Forestry have provided info materials for schools upon request. In suggestions for local Arbor Day actions, check with local authorities about adopting a specific area of habitat to learn about, sometimes clean up, or advocate for. Creating personal hands on involvement opportunities will do much to build ecological awareness and appreciation and discussion without specifically addressing political issues. Our YFBTA/YNS road allowance initiative is a good example of that. See [Walter Farquharson's service](#) for more details about YFBTA/YNS.

### 4) Local church family

Congregations could look at activities that are intergenerational. Suggestions: 1) sponsor a family picnic or wiener roast attached to a planting but perhaps also to a display of related art and/or a story-writing fair. 2) have an elder and a youth share a minute for mission time at church where they share a planting story past or present. 3) host a quiz about trees - perhaps matching pictures with names - how First Nations used and prized trees. e.g. where does name Saskatoon come from? Name a variety of tree in addition to maples that were used for syrup making. Why were chokecherry pits ground up and eaten? A quiz/question a week for two or three prior to Arbor Day instead of a bland announcement has possibilities. Question of the day "Are you sitting on a tree?"