



POPLAR HILL & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

TREES MIDDLESEX CENTRE

WHO WE ARE:

The Poplar Hill Lions has now taken on the annual sale of roadside trees that was started by *Trees Middlesex Centre* in 2011.

WHAT WE ARE OFFERING:

The objective is to encourage the planting of native deciduous species that can be seen along the roads of Middlesex Centre. By ordering in bulk and applying for grants to subsidize the cost, we can provide trees to residents at a significant discount.

WHY WE ARE DOING IT:

Trees planted along the roads over 100 years ago have provided shade, windbreaks, have been homes to wildlife, enhance the environment and add scenic appeal to the community. These trees have reached the end of their lifespan and most have been taken down in recent years. New trees are needed to replace them and serve these functions.

HOW IT IS DONE:

Trees are ordered by mid November and are distributed when they are ready in the spring (usually early April). Trees can be paid for and picked up at the Poplar Hill Park along with planting instructions. The cost this year remains at \$20 per tree. Stakes and tree guards are available for wind and rodent protection. These 6 - 8 ft. bare-root trees should be planted on private property, not on the municipal right-of-way. Full planting instructions can be downloaded from phlions.ca/pdf/Tree_Care.pdf

HOW YOU BENEFIT:

This is a great opportunity for residents of Middlesex Centre to beautify their properties and replace the old trees that must be removed. Ideally, trees should be planted along the roadside on private property just off the municipal right-of-way (33 feet from the centreline of concession roads) but any location that can clearly be seen from the road is acceptable. Locations such as corners where they can block the view should be avoided.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE:

We will be offering the following species. Order early as there may be a limited supply of some varieties.

Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
Autumn Blaze Maple	<i>Acer x freemanii</i>
Red Oak	<i>Quercus ruba</i>
Burr Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
American Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>

HOW TO ORDER:

Residents of Middlesex Centre should email their requests to: trees@phlions.ca Include your name, address and phone number as well as the number of trees of the varieties you want. If you have a problem, speak to Lion Ian MacDonald 519-666-0195 (evenings best).

Order by November 15, earlier to ensure you get the variety you want.

While some trees are slow growing (e.g., oaks), others can gain two feet or more per year (e.g., sycamore).

Sycamore trees:

Planted 2021 - is 8' high

Planted 2016 - now 26'

Planted 2011 - now 37'

