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Trees Winnipeg ReLeaf Program Expands as it Enters Year 5

Winnipeg, MB – Trees Winnipeg is pleased to announce that its fifth annual **Winnipeg ReLeaf Tree Planting Program** is growing. Due to demand, the non-for-profit charitable organization has more ReLeaf tree packages available for sale this spring, and a **second installment** of ReLeaf will be added in the **fall**. Also new this year is a **centralized process** for the public to pick up their tree packages and attend ReLeaf tree planting and care workshops.

ReLeaf is the largest and longest-running tree seedling program in Winnipeg.

“As concerns about climate change and tree health continues to increase, the public is becoming increasingly aware of how trees not only benefit individual health and well-being, but the bottom line for businesses, corporations and cities,” says **Trees Winnipeg program director and ReLeaf Program coordinator Lisa Jones**. “Trees Winnipeg is so pleased that our ReLeaf seedlings help serve Winnipeg’s love for the city’s urban forest, one tree at a time.”

ReLeaf is available to residential and commercial property owners in and around Winnipeg. High-quality tree seedlings are available at a subsidized rate of \$55 per package. The **five collections** available now as part of the spring program are Discovery Elm, Bur Oak and Saskatoon, Amur Cherry Ming and European Mountain Ash, Amur Cork and Royal Crown Amur Maple, and Black Cedar and Mugo Pine. Each year, Trees Winnipeg carefully selects species that can not only survive our climate and soil conditions, but with the right care can thrive for years. All customers receive a bag of mulch, rabbit guards, tree care resources, and must attend a workshop.

This year, all tree collections will be available for pick up at **Trees Winnipeg’s Arbor Day celebration** at Kildonan Park on **Sat., June 6**. Certified arborists will be on site throughout the day for planting and care workshops. Packages are available online until May 1 <http://treeswinnipeg.org/releaf-tree-planting-program/>

Every year, ReLeaf is delivered by **Trees Winnipeg** in partnership with the **City of Winnipeg** and the volunteer support of the **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**.

Trees Winnipeg is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and educating the public on the urban forests and urban environments in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. We accomplish this by offering events and programs that raise public awareness about the role, value and benefits of the urban forest, by providing education and training opportunities to the arborist community and the public, and by collaborating with like-minded organizations and community groups. Trees Winnipeg, formerly known as The Coalition to Save the Elms, was founded in 1992 in response to the heightened threat to Winnipeg’s extraordinary American elm tree population by Dutch elm disease. Follow and share at hashtag **#WPGReLeaf**

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