

CARING FOR YOUR FOREST

Tips for boosting the health of your forest

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Your property is a part of your greater community. The way you manage your woodlot can protect you and your neighbours from flooding and help increase wildlife habitats in the area. When you manage forests this way, it helps overall water quality that benefits humans and wildlife.



KEEP DEAD AND DYING TREES

They might not look pretty, but standing cavity trees and dead trees are important habitat for birds, mammals, and insects.

Fallen dead wood helps make a forest healthy, providing moist forest floors, shade and cover. Resist the urge to clean these up, unless they are a safety issue.



AVOID DISTURBANCE DURING BREEDING SEASON

Many forest birds, including migratory birds and species at risk, nest between May and August. Avoid tree cutting and trail or road construction during this time.



CONSERVE OLD TREES TO REDUCE FLOODING

Older trees have large canopies that scatter rainfall. A variety of leaves and needles decreases the intensity and amount of water hitting the ground. Large root systems of older forests provide better soil stability and absorb more water.



PROTECT THE WATER

Keep tall and dense forest cover within at least 30 meters of water bodies, including seasonal streams and wetlands. Avoid any soil-disturbing activities here.

