

Community Stewardship Program

Invasive Species Removal

Who we are

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Community Stewardship Program engages and works with community, school and corporate groups to restore the environment through hands-on stewardship activities including planting, invasive species removal, and litter clean-ups.

Importance of this activity

Invasive species are plants or animals which are introduced to an ecosystem they do not naturally occur. Some of the negative effects invasive species have on the environment include:

- Negatively impact wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Alter ecosystems by changing soil, air and water conditions
- Spread quickly and outcompete native plants

What the event day will look like

- Meet at the TRCA tent 20 minutes prior to the event
- TRCA staff will provide an activity overview, safety talk, and planting demonstration
- All participants will be provided with gloves, safety glasses, and invasive removal equipment
- Following the demonstration, participants will spread out and implement ecosystem restoration activities
- Take a group photo in front of the planting

Safety

To ensure everyone's safety, there are a few rules to keep in mind:

- Stay in the designated removal areas
- Wear your gloves and glasses at all times
- Always be mindful of where others are standing
- Take water breaks as needed
- Terrain can be variable, so always watch where you're walking
- Ask staff for assistance if you are unsure
- Make sure to take water breaks as needed
- No pets allowed with the exception of service animals

To learn more about TRCA's Community Stewardship Program visit trca.ca/csp



WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Work gloves
- Snacks
- Water Jug (to refill water bottles)
- Safety glasses
- Invasive removal tools
- Hand sanitizer

CHECKLIST OF WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- A hat (recommended)
- Long pants
- Closed toe shoes (that you don't mind getting a little dirty)
- Refillable water bottle

See you in the field!

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