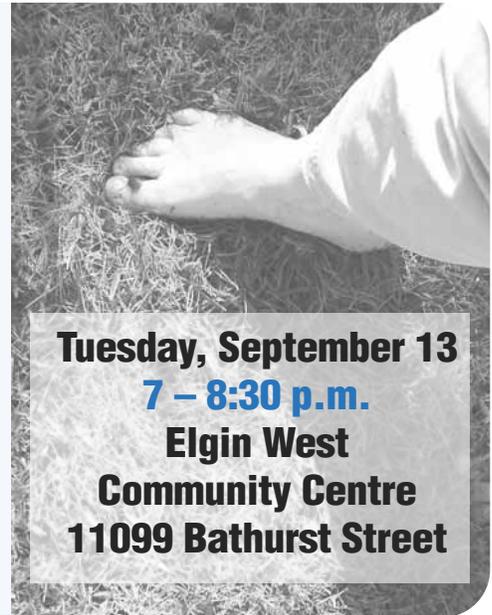


## Organic Lawn Care for the Cheap and Lazy Workshop

There are alternatives to pesticides that can be used to caring for your lawn and gardens. With preventative maintenance and natural landscaping, lawns and gardens can become more resistant to pests. This workshop includes a presentation, displays and a draw for prizes.

For more information and to register, call the Outdoor Education Program Coordinator at 905 787 1441, ext. 223.



**Tuesday, September 13**  
**7 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Elgin West**  
**Community Centre**  
**11099 Bathurst Street**

## Organic Lawn Care



### September - October

- Top dress your yard with ½" of compost and spread fresh seed to encourage new growth, especially if your lawn has been damaged by the summer heat.
- Fertilize the area with organic products.
- Six weeks after seeding, spread corn gluten meal on the grass in order to further suppress weeds that might want to move in.
- Aerate if the soil is compacted.



### November - December

- Rake any leaves onto flower beds to protect woody plants and perennials during the winter. Working the leaves right into the soil can improve drainage and aeration. It will also encourage decomposition and will provide the organic matter and nutrients needed to give next year's growth a head start.

*Go organic, your weeds will panic!*

## Native Species

These brochures describe some of the plant species native to Richmond Hill. Check them out and plant them in your own lawn or garden!

### WHY PLANT NATIVE SPECIES?

- Native species are adapted to local water and soil conditions and therefore require less water and maintenance.
- They provide habitat and food for birds, mammals and various insects.
- Native species improve local biodiversity.

For more information, visit [RichmondHill.ca/NativePlants](http://RichmondHill.ca/NativePlants), email [naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca](mailto:naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca) or call 905 771 8800.

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## Backyard Tree Planting Program

The **Backyard Tree Planting Program** is a partnership involving Richmond Hill, York Region and LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) that provides native trees for residents at a subsidized cost. For \$150 to \$200, York Region residents can get:

- a 30-minute consultation with an arborist
- a 5 to 8-foot tall native tree
- full planting service

For more information, visit [yourleaf.org](http://yourleaf.org) or call 416 413 9244.



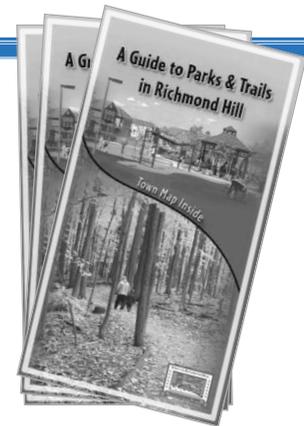
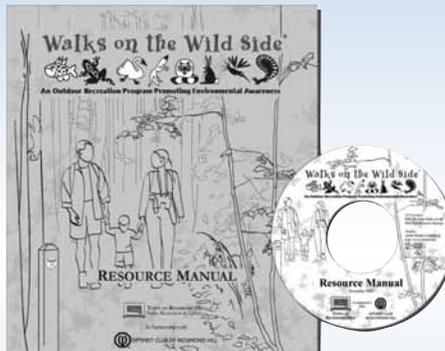
# Richmond Hill Services & Activities



## Walks on the Wild Side®

### Walks on the Wild Side

is an interpretive program designed to inspire learning about nature and environmental protection, while providing additional recreational opportunities that promote health and well-being. There are four trail guides for this program – one for each of the trails featured.



Discover all the parks and trails in your community along with the amenities that they have to offer in this easy-to-use map and guide!

Visit any Richmond Hill community centre or the main Municipal Offices to get your copy or contact The Natural Heritage Section at [naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca](mailto:naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca) or call 905 771 8800.

For more information, contact the Natural Heritage Coordinator at [naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca](mailto:naturalheritage@richmondhill.ca) or call 905 771 5509.

## Trees Are Important



In Richmond Hill, you **must obtain a permit** before injuring or destroying any tree with a trunk diameter of 20 cm or more at breast height (1.4 m).

For more information, visit [RichmondHill.ca/TreeBylaw](http://RichmondHill.ca/TreeBylaw) or call **905 771 8800**.

- **Trees produce oxygen.**

A mature, leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year.

- **Trees shade and cool.**

The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.



- **Trees increase property values.**

Real estate values increase when trees beautify a property or neighbourhood. Trees can increase the property value of a home by 15 per cent or more.

- **Trees contribute to the economy.**

Research shows that shoppers in well-landscaped business districts are willing to pay more for parking and up to 12 per cent more for goods and services.