



Sheridan Nurseries named one of Canada's Greenest Employers for 2020



Sheridan Nurseries, Canada's largest integrated garden centre retailer and grower has been recognized as one of Canada's Greenest Employers in 2020 for the 5th year in a row.

Since 1999, Mediacorp Canada Inc., has managed the Canada's Top 100 Employers project which recognizes employers that are creating a culture of environmental awareness.

Winning companies are selected by editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers and evaluated using four main criteria:

- (1) unique environmental initiatives or programs they have developed.
- (2) whether they have been successful in reducing their own environmental footprint.
- (3) whether their employees are involved in these programs and contribute unique skills; and
- (4) whether their environmental initiatives have become linked to the employer's public identity, attracting new customers and employees.

"I'm proud of the progress we continue to make with our passionate team at Sheridan Nurseries who are committed to earth-friendly initiatives to help protect the Canadian environment," said Colin Cruji, Sheridan Nurseries, CEO and President.

Here are some of the reasons why **Sheridan Nurseries Limited** was selected as one of *Canada's Greenest Employers (2020)*:

- Recognized by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for water conservation initiatives. Of the 127 million gallons of water used for irrigation, 35 million gallons came from recaptured water through of our wetland and over-flow pond.
- Coco-fibre discs have been added to every container-grown plant produced at our farms to reduce moisture loss by up to 30%, while drip irrigation has replaced sprinklers and broadcast watering, reducing water consumption up to 80%.

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- Each year, 20,000 growing pots and 200,000 propagation pots and trays are reused resulting in 55 less tons of greenhouse plastic, pots, and trays in the landfill. By safely removing the ink label, we were able to reuse 30,000 pots. This initiative alone saved 7,300 litres of fuel, enough to heat five homes in Ontario for a whole year.
- We gave out 57,000 fewer plastic bags than the previous year. These savings in plastics are enough to fuel a car to drive 6,600 km, which is more than the distance from Toronto to Mexico City.
- Hydro usage was reduced by 15% or 55,000 kWh and water use from the Credit river was down by 4%. That is enough hydro saved to power six homes for one year. This was accomplished by investing in energy saving lighting and new employee practices.
- Decreased the amount of paper used for printed flyers by 56%, which is equal to 59 tons of paper or 718 trees saved.

Notes to editors:

Sheridan Nurseries

Sheridan Nurseries has been a grower and purveyor of superior quality plant material for the landscape industry and gardening public since 1913. With a proud heritage and legacy for innovation, Sheridan Nurseries has grown to be one of Canada's largest growers of hardy nursery plants and has eight Garden Centres in the Greater Toronto Area. They grow over 1,200 cultivars of perennials and hardy nursery stock on 350 hectares in Halton Hills Ontario and ship 1.8 million plants annually to markets across North Eastern North America. Widely successful cultivars that Sheridan Nurseries has introduced to the industry include Green Velvet™ Boxwood, Green Gem™ Boxwood, Ivory Silk® Japanese Tree Lilac and DeGroot's Spire Cedar.

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