

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources is challenging everyone in Ontario to help fight climate change by planting trees.

Trees not only help reduce the impacts of carbon dioxide in our environment, but also provide erosion control, restore and enhance wildlife habitat, help reduce flooding, improve air and water quality and contribute to energy conservation.

The ministry has set up www.ontario.ca/plantatree, an interactive website where people can tell everyone how they're helping Ontario fight climate change by planting trees. They're encouraging people to visit the website to enter the number of trees they've planted, send in stories and pictures of their tree-planting events and find information about planting trees and its benefits.

If you planted a single tree in your backyard or are organizing a community event to plant 100 trees, let Ontario know by entering it on the Ministry of Natural Resources' website. Friendly competitions between neighborhoods, municipalities, schools and community groups are a great way to build enthusiasm, plant more trees, and contribute to an even greener and cleaner Ontario.

Challenge yourself. Challenge others. Watch the total grow. Spread the word – if you plant even one tree you will be helping the environment and contributing to a brighter and cleaner future for our province.