



Fresh Air Thoughts for Spring

Every gallon of gasoline you save avoids 22 pounds of CO2 emissions. By pooling your errands and avoiding just 12kms of driving every week eliminates about 500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

Use a push reel lawn mower instead of a gas mower. Gas mowers can emit the same amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in an hour as a new car driven between Toronto and Montreal!



Soak up some carbon - plant a few trees!

If you need help with tree choice and planting, avail yourself of [LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Service](#)

UN declares 2015 International Year of Soils & Dec 5th, World Soil Day



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Healthy soil is the foundation for food, fuel, fibre & even medicine. [See more...](#)

Soils are essential to our ecosystems, playing a key role in the carbon cycle, storing and filtering water and improving resilience to floods and droughts. Soil is the largest pool of organic carbon, which is essential for mitigating and adapting to climate change. In an era of water scarcity, soils are fundamental for its storage and distribution.

YREA continues research on biochar as an amendment for agricultural and municipal soil improvement and GHG mitigation.

**DONATE
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Please support our work with a charitable donation in this

International Year of Soils.

Visit our website for eco news & coming events: <http://www.yrea.org>

After a long and windy winter, garbage has blown around neighbourhoods, into our parks, wetlands & woodlands.

You can do something about it by joining a clean up in your community.

Did you know that outside of Toronto, polystyrene cannot be recycled in our blue boxes? Yet the use of styrofoam containers continues to proliferating. [New York City](#) has banned styrofoam. It's about time we did too! 'The effect of banning polystyrene foam products and moving to compostable alternatives is that the compostable packaging becomes the vehicle for moving leftover food for composting, rather than landfill.'

Spread the Word

Greenbelt, Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine & GGH Policy Reviews

If we want stronger protection of farmland, forests & water we need major incentives that will encourage farming & ecological protection. [Join a town hall meeting](#) to have a say.