

LEAF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of Toronto's urban forest. We require an experienced arborist to assist with the field operations of our Backyard Tree Planting Program.

Arborist/Planting Advisor for Toronto and York Region (Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan with possible expansion into other municipalities)

You will perform site consultations with private property owners participating in the Backyard Planting Program, providing expert advice on species selection and placement. Your focus will be on getting the right tree in the right place, while educating participants on the value of trees, tree care and related urban forestry issues. You will also assist with planting during spring and fall. You are a highly organized and motivated individual with attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills. You are a creative, team-player with the ability to multi-task and deliver professional, prompt service. You are comfortable and competent working with diverse individuals. You thrive in a challenging position, adapt well to change and have a true desire to help improve Toronto's urban forest.

Responsibilities

- respond to inquires about LEAF programs and services as well as general urban forest and tree care inquiries
- conduct site consultations with individual property owners following LEAF's guidelines for tree placement
- advise clients on proper tree care methods, preventative care, pruning, etc.
- deliver educational messages and materials in person and through phone/email contact with participants
- make referrals to other professional services where appropriate (for example, large tree work)
- assist with spring and fall planting
- conduct follow-up inspections and data collection
- promote LEAF programs and services
- participate in building LEAF as an organization (strategic planning, operational planning, promotions, etc.)

Qualifications

- experienced, ISA certified arborist preferred (experienced applicants on track to become certified will be considered)
- university degree in urban forestry, environmental studies or related field a significant asset
- excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- excellent interpersonal skills
- demonstrated time management skills
- attention to detail
- creative problem solving skills
- demonstrated ability to work independently while contributing to a team environment
- demonstrated interest in and commitment to environmental issues
- experience in public outreach/education an asset
- experience working or volunteering with a not-for-profit organization an asset
- basic computer skills/experience

- ability to perform heavy lifting (up to 70 lbs) and to work in sometimes inclement weather
- capable of working long days during the planting season
- valid drivers license
- use of own vehicle will be considered a significant asset

Some weekend and evening work required but scheduling is flexible. Compensation based on experience and qualifications. Six month contract with possibility of extension.

Please send resume and cover letter by January 23rd to info@leaftoronto.org

LEAF is an equal opportunity employer. We regret that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.