



Marylanders Plant Trees 2011 School Challenge

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Take the Challenge!

Marylanders Plant Trees was launched by Governor Martin O'Malley in 2008 to encourage every Maryland citizen to help create a smarter, greener future for our State. This year Governor O'Malley is challenging every Maryland school to join a statewide effort to plant 50,000 new trees — trees that will protect water quality, clean our air, provide wildlife habitat, beautify our neighborhoods and help reduce energy costs. Students are encouraged to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and encourage them to plant on the school's behalf. Students may also collaborate with community, watershed and service organizations to involve the public.

The challenge runs through April 30, 2011, and is open to all Maryland Schools. Private and public. All trees planted for the Challenge must be registered online in the name of your school. If you have already registered trees please do not enter trees again. They will be counted toward your school's totals.

Challenge Parameters

- All public and private elementary, middle and high schools can participate.
- The challenge period is April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.
- Native trees are encouraged but any tree will count. (The Marylanders Plant Trees coupon can be used but the tree must be from the approved list.) Any trees already in the registry under a school name will be credited.
- Students are encouraged to use the tree benefits calculator.

Challenge Metric

- Winner – Greatest number of trees planted

Challenge Prizes

- All Participants - Governor's citation for the school
- Winner – A visit to your school by DNR's Scales & Tales program, featuring live birds and reptiles

Purchase your trees...

- At your local *Marylanders Plant Trees* nursery (don't forget to use the \$25 coupon)
- Through your landscaper

Plant your trees...

With permission from the property owner, in private yards, on school grounds, at a local park or community property, at a local business, commercial property or government-owned site.



Register your trees...

In the name of your school at www.trees.maryland.gov

Care for your trees...

After you've selected, purchased and planted the right tree in the right place, don't forget to water your trees until they are mature enough to stand on their own

Get more information...

Visit the Marylanders Plant Trees website at www.trees.maryland.gov for information and teacher resources including:

- Guidance for selecting, purchasing and planting trees
- \$25 coupons toward the purchase of native trees
- Environmental benefits calculator
- Interactive tree-tracking map
- Statewide tree registry
- Lesson plans
- Suggested reading
- Challenge flyer
- Letter to parents

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