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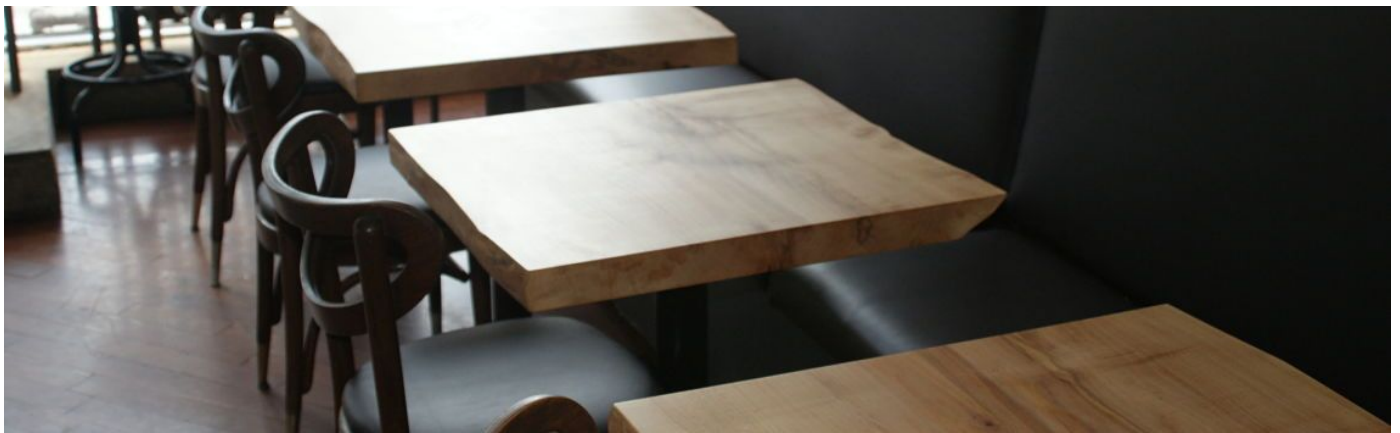
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Urban Wood Utilization



Making the Most of Our Urban Resources

Urban Wood is wood from urban forests. Trees face a variety of challenges when growing in an urban environment, often coming with unique shapes, sizes and grains that make them desirable for designers and makers of special wood products. Urban wood comes from these trees that die of old age, diseases and pest infestations, or which need to be removed for safety or development reasons. In many cases this wood is considered a waste and its disposal is a cost to the homeowner or to the community; but this does not always need to be the case.

LEAF is working with the City of Toronto and other key stakeholders to increase the utilization of wood from urban trees in Toronto and Southern Ontario. This Urban Wood Utilization Initiative seeks to encourage the salvaging and re-use of what we consider a valued urban resource to celebrate the intersection of urban and natural, create unique Toronto wood products and recognize the value and importance of urban trees to our city and its residents.

This page is your place for Ontario events, workshops and resources related to urban wood. We're updating it as new opportunities arise, so stay tuned!

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Your source of information on the businesses that turn Toronto's waste wood into a valuable resource. If you're a business in the GTA and provide one of the services listed in this directory then you can get listed in the next issue of the directory by emailing your contact details and a brief description to greentech[at]toronto.ca.

PAST URBAN WOOD UTILIZATION INITIATIVES

NEIGHBOURWOOD



Neighbourwood: Urban Wood Utilization Forum

On October 24, 2013, a panel of industry and municipal experts (<http://www.cagbctoronto.org/news-events/chapter-meetings/460-neighbourwood>) convened at Toronto City Hall to discuss urban wood utilization initiatives, challenges, and solutions from across North America. Download and view all of their presentations (<http://www.cagbctoronto.org/news-events/chapter-meetings/460-neighbourwood>). You can also watch a video (<https://vimeo.com/78854263>) of the full presentation:



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A TREE COMES DOWN IN THE CITY

On July 19, 2013, a storm brought down an aged silver maple tree on Laing Street in Toronto's Leslieville neighbourhood. This famed maple tree was the inspiration for the song "Maple Leaf Forever" by Alexander Muir, written in the year of Confederation 1867. Read more ([/maple-leaf-forever](#))

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