



Earth Day in Traverse City

25th Annual Seedling Giveaway

Courtesy of Traverse City Light & Power

Saturday, April 20 | 8 a.m. - until gone

2013 marks the 25th year Traverse City Light & Power (TCL&P) has celebrated Earth Day with a seedling giveaway. In 1988, TCL&P held its first annual seedling giveaway at the Bayside Power Plant, giving seedlings away to customers and local community groups in support of the environment. That tradition continues today.

This Earth Day, pick up a free eastern white pine (*pinus strobus*) seedling, courtesy of TCL&P. The seedlings will be available beginning at 8 a.m. until they are gone on Saturday, April 20, at the Sara Hardy Farmer's Market (Union Street and Grandview Parkway) in downtown Traverse City. Each seedling is potted and ready for planting.

As part of our efforts to support the community and the environment, TCL&P has given away over 140,000 seedlings to customers, community members, school children, and local organizations over the years.

A fact about the Eastern White Pine:

Eastern white pine, also called northern white pine, was adopted as the state tree of Michigan in 1955. Because it is among the more rapid growing northern forest conifers, the white pine is an excellent tree for reforestation projects, landscaping, and Christmas trees, and has the distinction of having been one of the more widely planted American trees.



Friendly Reminder:

When planting your new white pine seedling, or any other trees, remember not to plant them under or near power lines. If necessary, only plant low growth shrubs and bushes under power lines.



RecycleSmart Events

Free Compost

Saturday, April 20 | 8 a.m. - noon (or until gone)

Self serve, self haul compost is yours free at the Sara Hardy Farmer's Market parking lot (Union Street and Grandview Parkway), courtesy of the City of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery (RecycleSmart). Bring your own shovel and container. For information, visit RecycleSmart.info.



Clean Out Your Files Week

April 15 - April 21

This is a no cost opportunity for businesses to dispose of unwanted paper material. American Waste will be donating the use of a recycling container at the Sara Hardy Farmer's Market parking lot at the corner of Cass Street and Grandview Parkway. Accepted material includes newspapers, magazines, old files, office paper, and unwanted mail. For information, visit RecycleSmart.info.



Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Four Household Hazardous Waste collections are in development for 2013. There is no charge to Grand Traverse County residents (up to 150 pounds). Appointments are required and can be made online. The next collection date will be announced when available. For information, visit RecycleSmart.info or contact the RecycleSmart Hotline at 941-5555.



Grand Traverse Earth Day Parade

Participate in costume, help carry a BIG puppet, or watch on April 20th! Visit littleartshram.org or email info@littleartshram.org for more information on parade line-up, start time, and route.

Bad weather date: April 28th.



Grand Traverse Conservation District's Annual Seedling Sale

Restore nature and your backyard habitat with an assortment of trees and shrubs from the Conservation District's Annual Seedling Sale. Revegetate your landscape for windbreak, to attract wildlife, or for privacy. Choose from an assortment of conifers, hardwoods and shrubs, and watch them grow.

All proceeds support the work of the Conservation District, a community-serving organization that cares for the people and places that make northwest Michigan so special – our local farms, our schools, and our exquisite rivers, lakes, and natural areas.

PRE-ORDERS REQUIRED THIS YEAR

Orders due March 27th, order online now at natureiscalling.org

Pick up dates:

Friday, April 19 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pick up at:

Boardman River Nature Center, 1450 Cass Road
(1.5 miles south of South Airport Road)



Grand Traverse Conservation District's Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18 | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Update your home landscape with native plants that are beautiful, well-adapted to our climate, and support a variety of animals living in our region. Plant experts will be on hand to help you pick out the perfect native plants from our selection of over 40 species. For details, visit natureiscalling.org.

Did You Know...

Did you know that Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues? Earth Day is now a globally celebrated holiday that is sometimes extended into Earth Week. The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson and inspired by the antiwar protests of the late 1960s, Earth Day was originally aimed at creating a mass environmental movement. It began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

TCL&P Mission:

To provide safe, reliable, competitively priced energy and related services in an environmentally conscious manner.

TART Trails Work Bees

Saturday, April 20 | 9 a.m. – noon

Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation (TART) Trails, Inc., is hosting Earth Day Work Bees. Please bring loppers, push brooms and trash bags as well as work gloves. If you have any questions, please call 941-4300, and for more information visit traversetrails.org.

Work Bee Locations:

- Leelanau Trail
(meeting at Cherry Bend Trailhead)
- TART Trail Work Bees
 1. 3 Mile Road
(parking off of Parsons Road)
 2. 4 Mile Road
(meeting at Einstein Cycles)
 3. Bunker Hill Road Trailhead
- Boardman Lake Trail
(meeting at Hull Park/Library)
- Vasa Pathway
(meeting at Bartlett Road Trailhead)



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