

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF THAT TREE?



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Nature is a great teacher and getting kids outside to learn and play is good for their brains and bodies. Try this outdoor activity from Project Learning Tree Canada (PLT Canada) – it's safe, fun, and educational!

Trees do more than provide products such as fruits and wood. They also improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and pollution, reduce flood risks due to rainfall, and provide energy savings by reducing the need for heating and cooling.

CRITICAL THINKING

- Why is it important to care for trees?
- How does the value of one tree compare to the value of other trees?



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CONNECTING KIDS TO NATURE

ACTIVITIES

Take children outside to an area with trees.

1. Choose a few trees to compare.
2. Identify their species. (Use treebee.ca if you aren't sure!)
3. Measure their circumference (see photo).
4. Next, go to <https://mytree.itreetools.org/> and follow the instructions to produce a simple "nutrition-style" label that shows a tree's benefits (see Figure 1).

Consider:

- Do trees with a larger circumference provide greater values? Why do you think that might be?
- What other values could you think of besides those listed in "MyTree Benefits"?

TREE VALUE CHART

Complete the Tree Value Chart and reflect.

Common Tree Name	Circumference	Notes On Tree Health	Dollar Value

FIGURE 1

