



Covid Response Plan

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Tennessee Environmental Council has adopted the following protocols to ensure the health and safety of our volunteers, communities, and employees.

TEC is following CDC guidelines to ensure best practices in all programs. Our staff has been working remotely since March and meetings are held via video conferencing. Staff receives a temperature check if entering the Nashville office and everyone is required to properly wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Tennessee Tree Day, our annual statewide tree planting event is set for March 20, 2021. This year we are asking everyone participating to follow the CDC recommendations for preventing the spread of Covid-19. We expect all volunteers to follow the current Covid restrictions during this event. This includes practicing social distancing by six feet, wearing a facial covering over the mouth and nose, washing hands frequently, and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces. We will provide eco-friendly masks for volunteers distributing trees across Tennessee. "We are advising all Pick Up Site leaders to prepare by pre-bundling the individual tree orders prior to distribution. This will allow volunteers picking up trees to minimize time spent at the Pick Up Sites. We will also encourage tree planting groups to limit participation to 10, to stay at least six feet apart, and bring their own supplies; drinking water, shovels, and gloves. We encourage all volunteers to do their part, so this event can run safely, smoothly, and still have a significant environmental impact across Tennessee and beyond,

Tennessee Tree Day 2021 promises to be a Covid-safe event for individuals and communities across Tennessee. It is a needed outlet for Tennesseans to get outside and plant native trees in their communities. Participants will watch the benefits of these trees grow for years to come.