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Room to grow at TD Tree Day

Savanna Rivers, 20 months, drops some mulch from a pair of very big gloves on a very tiny tree during the TD tree planting day held recently at Hornby Park. TD Tree Days see TD employees, their families and community members planting 45,000 trees at more than 160 sites in Canada, the U.S., the UK, and Luxembourg.



Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Is solar power in your future?

What does 'green energy' mean to you?

If you've noticed solar panels going up on rooftops in your neighbourhood, then you've noticed a growing trend where residential homeowners are taking the power back into their own hands.

These folks are creating green energy and most of them are selling it all right back to the grid. They receive 20-year contracts as a micro-embedded generator to ensure their return on investment is secure over the long-term.

If you're familiar with Ontario Power Authority's MicroFIT program, then you know that the rates they pay have changed over the summer (they went down) and some of the rules changed as well. Now you might think that you've missed the boat on better rates, but you've also missed the boat on higher product costs. So for a smaller investment now, you can still achieve a return on your investment in the 10 per cent range.

If the MicroFIT program isn't for you, then you might consider simply going for a net-metering project.

Under a MicroFIT contract you sell all of the electricity to the grid, under a net-metering contract you use it in your home and the excess turns your meter backwards. This is a viable alternative when you consider that the rates we pay will only go up, and in fact have gone up on average about 10 per cent annually since time-of-use began.

Who is using all this green power? You do. Your neighbours do. Your community does.

Is solar power in your future? One way or another, the answer is yes.

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A personal message from **Bill & Elizabeth Graham:**

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