

Sheridan Nurseries receives national award two years in a row

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Sheridan Nurseries, Canada's largest garden centre retailer and grower, has received a prestigious award as one of Canada's Greenest Employers by Mediaworld Canada for its continued commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Receiving the Canada's Greenest Employers award for the second year in a row is a great honour, said Karl E. Stensson, CEO and president at Sheridan Nurseries. This award is a result of the dedication and commitment by our entire team to achieve our environmental goals. As a company founded on landscapes and plants, our standards of excellence for everything green echoes our company values for over 100 years.

All winners were evaluated for their:

- unique environmental initiatives;
- success in reducing their own environmental footprint;
- employee involvement in the program;
- environmental initiatives, which are linked to the employer's public identity.

Sheridan Nurseries was recognized because of their green thumb through their educational programs in the community such as the Little digger program, which introduces children to the plant life-cycle, the Growing-up Green school outreach program and the LEAF program to highlight native plant species. Sheridan Nurseries also created a massive water recapture pond to collect rain-water and water runoff from its growing operations to naturally filter the water for reuse and therefore reduce the company's draw from local sources.

Over the years, we've seen a shift towards more formal programs and strategic sustainability policies, which reflect a long-term commitment on the part of employers, said Richard Yerema, managing editor at Mediaworld. This year's winners aren't afraid to address the adverse impacts of their operations and are charting the course for others in their industry.

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