



## **HOW TO** **“GET NUTS FOR CLEAN WATER!”**

**Thank you for participating in *Growing Native*! To help ensure that the seeds you collect grow into healthy trees, it is essential that you follow these guidelines.**

- Sign in with your volunteer site leader, who will give you:
  - Tree identification sheets
  - Directions to the trees or areas from which to collect
  - Collection bags and tags
- ***Collect only ONE tree species per collection bag.*** If you find multiple kinds of seeds, ask your site leader for more bags.
- Label your collection bag with the name of the site and species you collect. Include one—*but only one*—leaf and twig from the same tree in the bag so that the nurserymen can confirm the species.
- Collect only near trees designated by your site leader.
- Report the species you collect to the site “nut tracker.” If asked to weigh your bag(s), report this number, as well.
- Be sure to return all tree identification cards and collection materials to your site leader.

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Thanks so much for helping us “get nuts for clean water” today! You are a vital part of creating future forests that will help keep our streams and rivers clean.

To take part in future activities, including tree plantings and river cleanups, visit [www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org) and sign up for *RiverUpdate*, the Potomac Conservancy’s free monthly e-newsletter.