



WELCOMES YOU TO SUGARING WITH THE *TAP ONE MAPLE FOR SAP KIT*

The *Tap One Maple for Sap Kit* you've just received is specially designed for anyone with access to one or more maple trees who wants to experience the sweet world of maple.

Perfect for the micro-hobbyist interested in making a few servings of maple syrup, for a fun outdoor-learning adventure with kids, or for just collecting sap for a refreshing, natural drink, the *Tap One Maple for Sap Kit* is a great way to begin your very own love affair with maple.

Your new kit includes:

- one 7/16" drill bit
- one 7/16" aluminum spile
- one Plastic Sap Bucket with Lid, and
- "Backyard Maple: A Guide to Making Syrup at Home," containing detailed instructions, checklists, illustrations and more!

Making Maple Syrup to Eat

Making maple syrup to eat takes some work but is not complicated. It involves boiling off most of the water from maple sap, leaving a unique solution of sugar and minerals that's as thick as . . . syrup!

You can make syrup from the sap of just one maple tree by collecting sap and boiling off the water in a deep pot over a wood fire or propane burner outside, or on a conventional oven paired with a good seam hood inside. All the steps of making maple syrup—from tree identification, to tapping, collecting, and boiling down sap—are covered in "Backyard Maple: A Guide to Making Syrup at Home."

Collecting Sap to Drink

You can also enjoy the magic of maple without making syrup. Sap collected from maple trees makes a delicious, slightly sweet beverage whether consumed hot or cold. You can even use it instead of water as a basis for making tea or coffee, or carbonate with a countertop soda stream machine!

To collect sap to drink, follow the steps for identifying your maple tree and tapping and collecting sap in “Backyard Maple: A Guide to Making Syrup at Home.” Filter the sap through a piece of cheesecloth or a wire mesh strainer (we recommend our *Sap Strainer*) into a deep pot on your stove. Bring to a rolling boil and boil your sap for 1 minute (at elevations above 6,500 feet, boil for 3 minutes). Allow to cool before using.* Enjoy as a hot beverage or pour over ice for a cold one.

Sap will store in the refrigerator for a couple of weeks!

Enjoy!

*Based on the CDC’s instructions for safe use of water found outdoors while hiking or camping or when travelling to places with unknown water quality.