



## **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" stainless steel spile
- one 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.