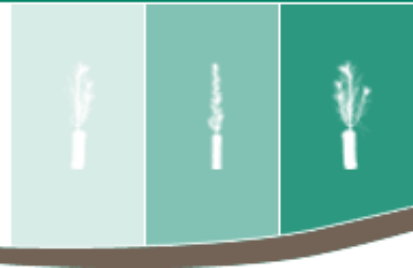




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We are so grateful for the support of our customers and staff that has enabled us to achieve such incredible growth. With so much to celebrate, we will be marking this anniversary in a number of different ways.

You will notice that we have a special 25th anniversary logo that we will be displaying proudly for the rest of this year. There are also going to be a couple special contests for our employees and the people who plant our seedlings with chances to win 10 oz. silver bars to mark our silver anniversary.

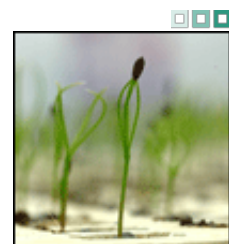
Once again, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our customers for everything you have done to help us reach this milestone. We have been "trusted to grow" for 25 years and we look forward to many more years and billions more seedlings!

Rob Miller
President & CEO

GROW YOUR SEEDLINGS WHERE YOU WANT

It's time to start thinking about your seedling needs for 2014. Last year, high demand caused PRT to reach its growing capacity and we anticipate a greater demand for nursery space in 2014.

Our staff work very hard to ensure that you receive the seedlings you want from the nursery of your choice, but it is always a good idea to plan ahead as much as possible. "It's like booking a flight with an airline," says PRT Vice President of Marketing, Herb Markgraf. "If you book your ticket further in advance, you can get the exact flight you want. If you



leave it to the last minute, you may have to adjust your route or your schedule."

To make your planning as easy as possible, please let your PRT Customer Service Representative know your expected seedling requirements as soon as possible with a target confirmation by October 1st, 2013.

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"We looked at a number of options," says Graham Payne, PRT Purchasing Manager. "We considered everything from landfill to burning, but we wanted to find the most environmentally conscious solution. Ideally, we wanted to give the material another life."

They teamed up with a Vancouver area company who purchased a Styrofoam densifier exclusively for PRT's use. The operator, EPS Plastic Solutions, trained PRT staff to use the equipment and, since 2009, over half a million blocks have been recycled.

"The Styrofoam is processed into one cubic metre blocks and then shipped to China, where it is used to make landscape ties, door frames, safety helmets and even flower pots," says Payne.

This is just one of many environmental initiatives that PRT is undertaking. PRT is working with the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada to develop policies and procedures that meet FSC standards, including recycling, reducing the use of chemicals, and finding environmentally-friendly alternatives for pest management.

For more information about the Styroblock program, contact Graham Payne at 604-465-6276, Ext. 222 or by email at graham.payne@prt.com.

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