



Master Gardener Advanced Training

Trees and Tree Care

March 19-21, 2026

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

1801 Circle Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76119

Advanced Training Purpose:

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Trees and Tree Care:

The Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training is an intensive multi-day course that provides Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs. The class will teach you about trees and tree care in the home landscape, as well as how to partner with cities and community groups to advocate for trees. The classes are taught by professional arborists, Texas A&M educators, and Texas Forest Service staff.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as an Advanced Master Gardener in the specific field of Trees and Tree Care. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs. **The class is limited to 30 participants. Only two participants from each county may apply. A waiting list will be maintained, and open positions will be filled from the list without regard to county.**

Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training, an individual must possess a current Master Gardener certification or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener application must be approved by the local County Extension Agent.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Trees and Tree Care

The Advanced Master Gardener Training – Tree and Tree Care program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of Trees and Tree Care experts and educators. To become a certified Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care, Master Gardeners are required to attend the Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care training to fulfill training requirements and meet service requirements described below.

Position Description:

The Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training is designed to increase awareness and provide training about trees and their care and maintenance.

Time Commitment:

The Master Gardener is required to serve a minimum of one year as an Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care providing a minimum of 20 hours of service. Service includes training Master Gardeners in their county, presenting the information to at least 3 other groups, and setting up a demonstration in their county.

Training and Service Requirements:

- Attend the Trees and Tree Care training.
- Serve as a local Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care resource by completing at least 20 additional service hours specific to this training. Of those hours, 10 must be direct education.
- Assist with Trees and Tree Care training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth Trees and Tree Care education programs
- Increase clientele knowledge about Trees and Tree Care through presentations, workshops and mass media efforts (i.e., radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

Reporting Volunteer Service:

Upon completion of the Trees and Tree Care Advanced Training, Master Gardeners are expected to complete at least 20 additional service hours specific to this training. Of those hours, 10 must be direct education. They are to be a local county resource and contribute volunteer service by training other Master Gardeners and the public. Advanced Trained Master Gardeners should document and report volunteer service hours to their county agent. The agent will keep a record of the hours submitted and report all qualifying advanced trained Master Gardeners to the State Master Gardener Coordinator. Those who have completed the Advanced Training and required volunteer service will receive a certificate signed by the county agent. Those completing Advanced Training courses will be recognized at the SFE awards conference. There is a specialized Advanced Training pin for those who certify. Contact your county agent for information.

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Patsy Miller at pjmiller24@sbcglobal.net by March 9, 2026, so your request can be considered.

Tentative Class Topics:

Benefits of Trees
Biology of Trees
Best Trees for Texas
Care of Fruit and Nut Trees
Effect of Climate on Trees – Droughts, Freezes
Tree Pruning
Right Tree, Right Place
Tree Pests and Diseases
Critters and Trees: Trees as an Ecosystem
Propagation by Seed
How to Select and Plant a Tree

Trips to the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens for Tree ID Class; Fort Worth's Rolling Hills Tree Farm for tour and first-hand viewing of propagation, selection and planting trees.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in any of our meetings are encouraged to contact our office at 817.884.1945 for assistance at least one week in advance to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.



**REGISTRATION FORM
TEXAS MASTER GARDENER
ADVANCED TRAINING**
Advanced Tree and Tree Care
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SPONSOR

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association
Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service
200 Taylor Street, Suite 500
Fort Worth, TX 76196

CLASS LOCATION

Resource Connection
Water Works Building
1801 Circle Drive
Fort Worth, TX

Texas Master Gardeners are invited to our 2026 Tree and Tree Care Advanced Training, March 19-21. The \$200 registration fee includes talks by professional arborists, tree ID tour of Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Rolling Hills Tree Farm tour, flash drive of all talks, resource materials, "Trees of Texas" field guide, tote bag of goodies and three meals. The class is limited to 30 currently certified Master Gardeners, two per county, who must be approved by the county agent. **Deadline is March 2, 2026.** There will be a waiting list and if the course is not full by the deadline, participants will be added regardless of county. **Mail the completed form to the sponsor address above, ATTN: Kayleigh Ponthier**

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print)

First Name: _____	Street: _____
Last Name: _____	City: _____
County: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____

A monogrammed blue denim shirt is available for \$40.00. Please circle your preferences: Type: Short sleeve Long sleeve

Size: Small Medium Large Xlarge

XXLarge (\$2 extra) XXXLarge (\$4 extra)

REGISTRATION FEE:	\$ <u>200.00</u>
SHIRT:	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____
VEGETARIAN MENU:	Yes or No

If you need additional information contact our tree committee chairman: Patsy Miller at pjmiller24@sbcglobal.net

Applicant: I understand that by participating in this Advanced Training, with approval from my County Extension Agent, I am required to complete 20 additional service hours specific to this training. Of those hours, 10 must be direct education.

County Extension Agent: I understand that by approving this volunteer to participate in this Advanced Training, there is sufficient project and educational opportunities available to fulfill the required 20 service hours specific to this training, including 10 hours of direct education.

Signature, Applicant

Signature, County Extension Agent

Date

Date