

Sun Country Landscape Conference: **Plant it Forward--Plant a Tree!**



Thursday, October 26, 2017 - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday, October 27, 2017 - 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

Tech20 Center - 10751 Montana Avenue

This conference will provide the most up-to-date information on the design, care and maintenance of landscapes.

The West Texas Urban Forestry Council (WTUFC) is a group dedicated to improving our urban and community forest by promoting the preservation, health and expansion of community trees in the El Paso region.

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Thursday, October 26, 2017

Morning Session - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:00 am **Plant it Forward: Plant a Tree--Really? In a Desert?** - Dr. John Mexal, NMSU Crop & Environmental Science Professor Emeritus
- 8:30 am **Best Practices with the Landcape Code** - Luiz Tarrazas, David Parra, Jennifer Barr, Local LAs
- 9:30 am Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- 9:45 am **Proper Pruning Can Improve the Life of Trees** - Mike Sills, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 10:45 am **Proper Tree Planting** - Mickey Merritt, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 11:45 pm **Green Stormwater Infrastructure (and how trees can play a role!)** - Brent Pearson and Fred Lopez, City of El Paso
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Afternoon Sessions - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Break-Out Session #1

- 1:00 pm **Introducing New Plants** - Diana de la O, UTEP
- 2:00 pm **The State of Water Conservation**- Craig Borland
- 3:00 pm Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- 3:30 pm **Big Tree Registry** - Mickey Merritt, Texas A & M Forest Service

Break-Out Session #2 (TDA credits-eligible)

- Emerald Ash Borer** - Dr. Carol Sutherland, New Mexico State University
- Cool Season Weed ID and Control** - Dr. Leslie Beck, NMSU
- Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- Pesticide Drift and the Law**- Mario Saavedra

Friday, October 27, 2017

Morning Session - 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

- 8:15 am **Climate and Weather** - David DeBois
- 9:00 am **Selection & Care of Palm Trees** - Jeff Anderson and M.L. Robinson
- 10:00 am Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- 10:15 am **Woody Plant Disorders** - Jason Woodward
- 11:15 am **How Fire Spreads-- Elements of a SIMTABLE** - Shiloh Mullican, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 12:15 pm End of Day 2

