



**Advanced Master Gardener Training
Trees and Tree Care
February 12, 19 & 26, 2021
Virtual Course
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Tarrant County
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 was created as an intensive multi-day training that empowers Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs. **The Spring 2021 course will be taught virtually, due to COVID-19.** 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. Training attendees will also virtually tour some tree farms.

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.

Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener application must be approved by their 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 subsequently meet service requirements described below. **The Spring 2021 course will be taught virtually, due to COVID-19.** Training activities during the course will empower Master Gardeners to complete these service requirements.

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 --**The Spring 2021 classes will be taught virtually, due to COVID-19.**
- Serve as a local Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care resource
- 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)

Specialist Recognition and Certification:

Upon completion of the Advanced Master Gardener – Tree and Tree Care service requirements, the Master Gardener will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference, at which time they will be awarded an Advanced Master Gardener Certificate.

Resources Available to Advanced Master Gardener Training – Trees and Tree Care:

Trees and Tree Care training

Educational materials on Trees and Tree Care

Direct access to Texas AgriLife Extension Service, County Extension Agent - Horticulture

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Veronica Cabral at 817-884-1946 by February 5, 2021 so your request can be considered.

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Registration Form
 Advanced Master Gardener Training
Trees and Tree Care -- virtual course
 Three consecutive Fridays; February 12, 19, and 26, 2021
 Tarrant County Master Gardeners – Ft. Worth, Texas

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS February 5, 2020 PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ (Please wear Master Gardener name tag)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

COUNTY _____

MG Coordinator/Extension Agent Signature (Required) _____

Registration fee of **\$125.00**, includes virtual lectures, video tours, digital copy of the Trees and Tree Care notebook, thumb drive or digital upload with power points and resource materials.

Denim shirt order – to purchase an Advanced Trees and Tree Care denim shirt for **\$40.00 (includes tax and shipping to your home)**, please complete the information below.

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| Shirt Size: Ladies _____ Men _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ (\$2 additional) XXXL _____ (\$4 additional) Short Sleeve _____ Long Sleeve _____ |
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TOTAL:

Registration fee = **\$125.00**

Optional - Denim Shirt @ \$40.00 each x Qty _____ = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Mail check made out to **TCMGA** along with registration form to: Tarrant County Master Gardener Association, Trees and Tree Care Advanced Training, Attn. Veronica Cabral, 200 Taylor, Suite 500, Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0123 Remember, **deadline is February 5, 2021**. For additional information please contact: Veronica Cabral at 817-884-1946. **COURSE IS LIMITED TO 100 APPLICANTS, three per county.** *There will be no refunds after February 5, 2021.*

Tentative Trees and Tree Care Virtual Schedule
9 a.m.- 4 p.m., February 12, 19, 26

February 12 Topics:

Why Trees Are Important
Tree Biology
Recommended Trees for Texas
Heritage Trees/Indian Tree Markers
Tree ID
Tree Planting Techniques/Tree Selection

February 19 Topics:

Protecting Trees During Construction
Tree Pests and Insects
Tree Pruning
Determining Tree Risk
Virtual Tree Farm Tour
Tree Inoculation/Air Spading

February 26 Topics:

Tree Production: How We Get Our Landscape Trees
Fruit and Nut Trees
Tree Propagation from Seed
Tree Risk Assessment: When to Call an Expert
Partnering with Cities and Community Groups
Teaching Children About Trees – Fun Activities
Critters and Trees: Trees as an Ecosystem
Tree Apps, Books and other Resources

Teachers Include:

Steve Houser, certified arborist, and Dr. Greg Church, plant pathologist and consulting arborist, both with Arboriological Services
Gareth Harrier, arborist representative, Bartlett Tree Experts
Courtney Blevins, regional urban forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
Rachel McGregor, staff forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
Monte Nesbitt, Extension program specialist, pecan/fruit/citrus
Craig Fox, Interim City Forester/Natural Scientist Supervisor, Fort Worth Parks & Recreation Department
Laura Miller, Tarrant County Agent, Texas A&M Extension Service
Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist, DFW, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Hester Schwarzer, Master Gardener, Citizen Forester, Master Naturalist, teacher

Classes may be rearranged to accommodate teachers' schedules