



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
**State Master Gardener**  
**Advanced Training**  
**Texas Superstar® Plant Program**  
*Using plants for a healthy Earth-Kind® Landscape*

Hosted by Smith County – Tyler  
Training Location at Holiday Inn Conference Center  
5701 South Broadway Ave., Tyler, TX 75703  
November 1, 2022 (Tues) – November 3, 2022 (Thurs)

**What does it take to become a Superstar® plant?**

It isn't easy to become a Texas Superstar® plant. Only the toughest, most reliable and best-looking plants make the cut. Every plant earning the Texas Superstar® designation undergo several years of intensive field trials by both Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. During these field trials, plants receive minimal inputs in regard to soil preparation, levels of water, pesticides and simply must perform and look aesthetically pleasing under harsh and variable Texas growing conditions.

**What does this mean to the average homeowner?**

It means landscape success with beautiful, proven Texas-tough plants.

**So, what is this Advanced Training About?**

This training provides Master Gardener Extension Volunteers and County Extension Agents a training opportunity on the history of the Texas Superstar® plant program as well as the benefits and landscape usages of these plants. Upon completion of this training, individuals will have the knowledge and confidence to help expand Earth-Kind® educational outreach programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in their home counties.

**Master Gardener Volunteer Requirements**

To be eligible for the Master Gardener - Advanced Training in the Texas Superstar® Plant Program, an applicant must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification or be an employee of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener application must be approved by their local Master Gardener Program Coordinator or their County Extension Agent.

## Time Commitment

Master Gardeners completing this Advanced Texas Superstar® Plant Program Training **will volunteer 20 hours above and beyond their county's current volunteer obligation.** These hours must be approved by their County Program Coordinator.

These include supporting:

- (a) Youth and Adult presentations
- (b) present information to at least three other groups
- (c) A Texas Superstar® Plant presentation for Master Gardeners; a garden club; a neighborhood association or civic organization.

**You will have one (1) full year (ending date is November 3, 2023) for completion of this requirement.** Each volunteer tracks their hours in their county. Once they complete the entire 20 hours, the volunteer will submit their hours in a timely manner to their county agent who will submit the completion information on the txmg.org website under the "Agents Only" tab.

## Recognition and Certification

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within their local county programs but provides them the knowledge to support their Master Gardener Earth-Kind® Educational Outreach Program.

## Registration

Registration is on a first come/first served basis.

Only two (2) Master Gardeners per county, unless space is available by noon Monday, October 17, 2022, we may be able to accept applicants from the Waiting List.

## Submit Your Application and Payment

Application and payment (**payable to AgriLife Extension 280103-63001**) must be in our office by noon Monday, October 17, 2022. Cancellation must be made no later than October 3, 2022, as there will be a \$100 surcharge.

## Cost

Registration fee of \$225 (or \$250 if paid after October 3<sup>rd</sup>) per person includes:

- Texas Superstar® resources
- Two lunches and one dinner
- Snacks, drinks, and other goodies will be provided each day

## Travel

Applicants will need to provide their own travel and hotel arrangements. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities (i.e. hat, **close-toed shoes (mandatory)**, and sunglasses).

For more information, contact **Greg Grant**, County Extension Agent-Horticulture at [greg.grant@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:greg.grant@ag.tamu.edu).