**Master Gardener Tree Care Specialist Training**

Conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Personnel,

Texas Forest Service Personnel and Tree Care Industry Professionals

Tree related questions are one of the primary things that make the phone ring in an Extension office. This training is designed to teach Master Gardener volunteers about landscape trees and troubleshooting common tree problems so they can serve county residents and extend the outreach of Extension programming into the community. The training is design to go above and beyond what you learned in the Master Gardener Training Course. Highly qualified instructors will provide advanced training in the classroom as well as outdoor demonstrations of tree care practices.

Please see the attached agenda for program details.

Dates: Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15

Times: Wednesday, March 13: 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 14: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday, March 15: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Location: Dallas County District 1 Road and Bridge and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension satellite office, 750 Rowlett Road, Garland, TX 75040

Cost: **$175** per person. This fee covers all instruction, educational materials, three luncheon meals, and refreshments.

Deadline: Registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please note that as we must order

 supplies and refreshments in advance, no refunds can be given after March 8,

 2019.

To learn more and apply visit the online registration at: [https://dallas-tx.tamu.edu](https://dallas-tx.tamu.edu/files/2018/05/Volunteer-Agreement.docx?web=1) and follow the Horticulture and Master Gardener tabs

For more information contact the Collin County Extension Office at 214-904-3050 or Stephen.hudkins@ag.tamu.edu



**STATEWIDE MASTER GARDENER ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER TRAINING:**

**March 13,14,15, 2019**

**Tree Care Specialist Training Application**

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Printed Name of CEA Signature of Approval by County Extension Agent/ MG Coordinator (**Required**)

Currently there is no restriction on the number of Master Gardeners from each county. Program coordinators and your County Extension Agent reserve the right to restrict registration from each county if participation exceeds program limitations.

Transportation, lodging, and meals (except 3 included lunches) are at your own expense and are not included in the registration fee.

Application form and payment must be received by **March 1, 2019** or until the class is full**.** Since we must order supplies and refreshments in advance, refunds for cancellations cannot be given after **March 8, 2019**. Individuals with special needs or dietary requests should contact the Dallas County Extension office at least 10 days prior to the event. Phone (214) 904-3050.

Please send this application form and **$175.00** to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Attn: Stephen Hudkins, 10056 Marsh Lane, Suite B-101, Dallas, TX 75229. Make check payable to **Horticulture Committee.**

For more information, visit or contact the Dallas County Extension at 214-904-3050 or Stephen.hudkins@ag.tamu.edu.

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**Master Gardener Tree Care Specialist Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Satellite Office**

**715 Rowlett Road, Garland, TX 75040**

11:30 Registration and Lunch Provided

12:00 Welcome and Course Overview Stephen Hudkins

12:15 Construction Issues Steve Houser

12:45 Recommended Species for North Texas Dr. Greg Church

 & Tree Nutrition

1:45 Break

2:00 Tree Identification (Dendrology) Courtney Blevins

3:00 Tree Benefits, Biology and Function Steve Houser

 Introduction to Big Tree Registry & Historic Trees

4:00 Break

4:15 Trees Near Wires Mike Sills

 Fire Supression

5:00 Session Ends Dinner on your own

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Satellite Office**

**715 Rowlett Road, Garland, TX 75040**

9:00 Determining when a tree may pose a risk Steve Houser

 Cabling and Bracing

10:30 Pruning Demonstration Steve Houser

11:30 Catered Lunch on site

12:00 Abiotic Tree Problems Dr. David Appel

 Tree Diseases & Stress Factors

2:00 Break

2:15 Lightning Protections Steve Houser

2:45 Tree Selection, Planting and Establishment Sarah Sours

3:45 Planting and Vertical Composting Steve Houser

Demonstration Field Demonstration Sarah Sours

5:00 Session Ends Dinner on your own

**Friday, March 15, 2019**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Satellite Office**

**715 Rowlett Road, Garland, TX 75040**

9:00 Tree Insect Pests Dr. Mike Merchant

10:30 Break

10:45 Partnering with Cities and Community Groups Dr. Greg Church

11:00 Urban Forest Master Plan, City of Dallas Kristopher Rasmusen

 Dr. Brian Watkins

11:30 Resources for Tree Care Specialists

Common Questions on the Help Desk Mike Sills &

Dr. Church

12:30 Closing Remarks and Evaluation Stephen Hudkins

1:30 Lunch and optional a guided tour of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension- Dallas County and neighboring community park

**About our Speakers:**

Courtney Blevins, Regional Urban Forester – Fort Worth Region

Mike Sills, Regional Urban Forester-Dallas Region

Dr. Mike Merchant, Professor and Extension Urban Entomologist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Dr. David Appel, Extension Forest Pathologist, Professor of Plant Pathology and Microbiology

Dr. Greg Church, Plant Pathologist and Consulting Arborist, Arborilogical Services

Steve Houser, Certified Arborist-Arborilogical Services- and Master Gardener

Sarah Sours, Certified Arborist, Arborilogical Services

Kristopher Rasmusen, Manager of the Forestry Division, City of Dallas

Dr. Brian Watkins, Urban Forester, City of Dallas Urban Forester