



LEARN AND GROW PROGRAM 2022





PROGRAM DETAILS

The Learn and Grow Program is sponsored by Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) in an effort to serve your community's water education program needs by providing conservation gardening and landscaping focused classes and workshops. Taught by certified Tarrant County Master Gardeners and other expert speakers, these activities give homeowners and garden enthusiasts of all levels access to information, tips, and experts.

Below is list of class topics that can be provided at a requested date and time. For 2022, activities can be requested to be virtual or in-person.

For virtual DIY Rain Barrel Building Workshops, the instruction on how to make a rain barrel are provided online and pre-built rain barrels can be provided for sale to be picked up by attendees from local libraries or municipal buildings.

All subjects are provided free of charge for the city and participants, except for the DIY Rain Barrel Building Workshop and associated rain barrels.

Please submit all requests at least two months in advance. For all requested activities, online registration, social media images, and promotional assistance can be provided if desired.

TO SCHEDULE, CONTACT HEATHER BASS AT
HEATHER.BASS@TRWD.COM OR 817-713-0734.





MENU OF TOPICS

THE FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS FOR VIRTUAL CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR REQUEST. TO REQUEST A CLASS OR SERIES OF CLASSES, RESPOND TO HEATHER WITH PREFERRED TOPIC, DATE, AND TIME. PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF NOTICE BEFORE A REQUESTED DATE.

Edible Landscapes

EDIBLE GARDENS CAN PROVIDE FUNCTION AND BEAUTY IN HOME LANDSCAPES. GROWING VEGETABLES, HERBS, AND FRUITS CAN ADD COLOR, TEXTURE, AND FOOD TO YOUR GARDEN. LEARN ABOUT DESIGN OPTIONS, SOIL PREPARATION, PLANT SELECTION, PROPER PLANTING TIMES, AND HARVESTING.

Vegetable Gardening

GROWING FOOD AT HOME CAN BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WELL-DESIGNED VEGETABLE GARDENS CAN BE BOTH EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE. LEARN ABOUT THE BEST VEGETABLE VARIETIES TO GROW IN NORTH TEXAS, SITE PREPARATION, PLANTING TIMES, COMMON PESTS, AND HARVESTING.

Gardening for Pollinators

ADD MOVEMENT AND LIFE TO YOUR LANDSCAPE BY ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES AND BEES TO YOUR GARDEN AND CREATE HABITAT FOR LOCAL POLLINATORS. LEARN HOW TO DESIGN A LANDSCAPE FOR POLLINATORS, NEEDS OF COMMON LOCAL POLLINATORS, SITE SELECTION, AND THE CORRECT PLANTS TO PLANT.

Rainwater Harvesting and Rain Barrel Sale

REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF FLOODING AND DROUGHT BY CAPTURING RAINFALL TO WATER YOUR LANDSCAPE AT A LATER DATE. LEARN THE BASIC THEORY AND METHODS BEHIND RAINWATER CATCHMENT, AND HOW TO BUILD ONE AT HOME. THIS CAN ALSO BE A WORKSHOP WITH A PRE-BUILT RAIN BARREL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY ATTENDEES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE.

Backyard Composting

COMPOSTING AT HOME CAN REDUCE WASTE SENT TO THE LANDFILL AND CREATE SOIL AMENDMENTS FOR A HEALTHY LANDSCAPE. LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING, DESIGNING A PILE, CONTAINER OPTIONS, EFFECTIVE METHODS TO YIELD HIGH-QUALITY COMPOST, AND HOW AND WHEN TO USE IT.

Tough Plants for North Texas

IN NORTH TEXAS IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHOOSE HEARTY PLANTS FOR A HEALTHY LANDSCAPE. PLANTS NATIVE TO TEXAS OR ADAPTED TO DRY CONDITIONS THRIVE IN OUR CLIMATE. LEARN ABOUT THE BEST NATIVE AND ADAPTED PLANTS FOR NORTH TEXAS LANDSCAPES, GARDEN DESIGN, AND MAINTENANCE.



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Smart Gardening for North Texas

GARDENS CAN USE A LOT OF WATER, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CREATE LUSH LANDSCAPES WITHOUT BEING WASTEFUL BY USING EFFICIENT PRACTICES. LEARN ABOUT HOW TO CONSIDER THE WATER NEEDS OF YOUR LANDSCAPE, WHAT FEATURES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE WATER USE, HOW TO INSTALL AND USE THOSE FEATURES, AND THE BENEFITS OF PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS.

Tough Texas Lawn Care

EVERYONE WANTS A LUSH GREEN LAWN, BUT FOLLOWING THE WRONG ADVICE CAN END UP COSTING A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY. MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LAWN IN NORTH TEXAS CAN BE EASY USING EFFICIENT METHODS. LEARN HOW TO CHOOSE AND INSTALL THE RIGHT TURFGRASS, SET A WATERING SCHEDULE FOR YOUR LAWN, AND BATTLE COMMON WEEDS AND PESTS.

Gardening with Ornamental Grasses

LARGE, CLUMPING NATIVE AND ADAPTED GRASSES CAN ADD TEXTURE AND INTEREST TO ANY GARDEN AND ARE EASY TO CARE FOR. LEARN ABOUT ALL THE TYPES OF ORNAMENTAL GRASSES THAT THRIVE IN NORTH TEXAS, HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THESE GRASSES, AND HOW LARGE CLUMPING GRASSES CAN BENEFIT LANDSCAPES.

Basics of Landscape Design

THINKING BEFORE YOU PLANT AND USING BASIC DESIGN PRINCIPLES CAN HELP TRANSFORM YOUR YARD INTO A LOW MAINTENANCE, HIGHLY EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE. LEARN DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS AND TECHNIQUES TO CREATE A LANDSCAPE THAT YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL ENVY.

Drip Irrigation

DRIP IRRIGATION CAN HELP WATER PLANTS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, BUT CONVERTING TO DRIP CAN BE A DAUNTING TASK. LEARN ABOUT HOW TO DESIGN AND INSTALL A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM, COMMON DRIP APPLICATIONS, PARTS AND TERMINOLOGY, AND SETTING AN IRRIGATION SCHEDULE.

DIY Sprinkler Repair

MANY HOME SPRINKLER SYSTEMS HAVE MINOR ISSUES THAT ARE CAUSING WATER WASTE, BUT ARE GENERALLY EASY TO FIX. WALK THROUGH COMMON BREAKS AND SOURCES OF INEFFICIENCY, THEN LEARN HOW TO FIX THEM ALL WITH MINIMAL TOOLS AND TIME.



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Trees for North Texas

TREES PROVIDE BEAUTY AND HELP REDUCE TEMPERATURES IN THE HEAT OF NORTH TEXAS SUMMERS. LEARN ABOUT THE BEST TREES FOR NORTH TEXAS LANDSCAPES, TIPS ON TREE SELECTION, PLANTING METHODS, WATERING, AND PRUNING.

Sustainable Living

MOST PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LIFE, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. LEARN HOW TO START AT HOME BY IMPLEMENTING A VARIETY OF EASY INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STRATEGIES FOR MORE EARTH-FRIENDLY LIVING.

Dirty Work: Soils and Site Preparation

GARDENING ADVICE OFTEN FOCUSES ON DESIGN AND PLANT CHOICE, BUT SITE CHOICE, SITE PREPARATION, AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ARE ALSO IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CREATING A SUCCESSFUL LANDSCAPE. LEARN ABOUT HOW TO TEST YOUR SOIL, CHOOSING THE RIGHT NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE SITE, HOW TO PREPARE THE SITE BEFORE INSTALLATION, AND HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR LANDSCAPE TO KEEP IT THRIVING IN THE FUTURE.

Water Wizardly

MOST RESIDENTIAL WATER WASTE COMES FROM WATERING OUR LANDSCAPES. LEARN THE MOST EFFICIENT GARDENING METHODS AND LATEST LANDSCAPING TECHNOLOGY TO KEEP AMAZING GARDENS, ALL WHILE KEEPING OUR WATER USE SMART AND WATER UTILITY BILL LOW.

Critter Capers: Wildlife in the Landscape

TEXAS IS FULL OF INTERESTING CRITTERS, EVEN IN THE AVERAGE SUBURBAN YARD. LEARN ABOUT COMMON WILDLIFE IN NORTH TEXAS LANDSCAPES, HOW TO ATTRACT THEM, AND HOW TO SUPPORT THEM WITH THE PLANTS WE PLANT.

