LEARN AND GROW PROGRAM 2021

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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.

At the beginning of this year, all classes will be virtual. This means the presentations are online webinars where the speaker and their presentation are shown live, and the audience is able to ask questions via online chat. In an effort to continue to offer fun and engaging educational activities while still working within our current confines, we've decided to offer more options for cities to provide to residents:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Pre-scheduled seasonally appropriate classes and workshops with pre-set dates and times that can be provided upon request. For some topics, a kit with tools to participate in the workshop at home will be provided for distribution at local libraries or other municipal buildings. These opportunities are noted on the schedule.

MENU OF TOPICS

A list of class topics that can be provided virtually at a requested date and time. For the DIY Rain Barrel Building Workshop, the instruction on how to make a rain barrel is provided virtually and pre-built rain barrels can be provided for sale to be picked up by attendees from local libraries or municipal buildings.

Activities can be requested from either or both of the above options. 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.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

THE FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR VIRTUAL CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS WITH SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES. PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH SCHEDULED EVENTS TO PROVIDE TO YOUR RESIDENTS. TO REQUEST ANY OF THESE CLASSES OR WORKSHOPS, RESPOND TO HEATHER WITH PREFERRED TOPICS. PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF NOTICE BEFORE A REQUESTED WORKSHOP.

2021 Learn and Grow Scheduled Events

January

26 – 6PM – BACKYARD COMPOSTING

February

2 – 6PM – DIRTY WORK: SOILS AND SITE PREP

23 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS LANDSCAPES DESIGN WORKSHOP

CORRESPONDS WITH EPA WATERSENSE MONTHLY CAMPAIGN, LOVE YOUR YARD WHILE USING LESS WATER.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE DESIGN KITS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS FOR PICK UP THROUGH LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

March

1 – 6PM – DIY SPRINKLER REPAIR WORKSHOP

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH SPRINKLER KITS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS FOR PICK UP THROUGH LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

30 – 6PM – SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING

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April

6 – 6PM – GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS

12 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS LAWNS AND GARDENS

17 – 6PM – APRIL SHOWERS DIY RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP
CORRESPONDS WITH EARTH DAY
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH A RAIN BARREL SALE AND WATER CONSERVATION KITS PROVIDED WITH BARRELS.

27 – 6PM – DIY SPRINKLER REPAIR WORKSHOP
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH SPRINKLER KITS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS FOR PICK UP THROUGH LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

May

4 – 6PM – HERB GARDENING

18 – 6PM – GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

June

1 – 6PM – TEXAS TREE IDENTIFICATION

15 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS PLANTS WORKSHOP SERIES PART 1: DESIGN
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE DESIGN KITS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS FOR PICK UP THROUGH LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

22 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS PLANTS WORKSHOP SERIES PART 2: PERENNIALS
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE DESIGN KITS PROVIDED

29 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS PLANTS WORKSHOP SERIES PART 3: WOODIES AND VINES
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE DESIGN KITS PROVIDED

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July

6 – 6PM – DIY SPRINKLER REPAIR WORKSHOP
CORRESPONDS WITH EPA WATERSENSE SMART IRRIGATION MONTH
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH SPRINKLER KITS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS FOR PICK UP THROUGH LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

13 – 6PM – ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

20 – 6PM – CACTI AND SUCCULENTS: EXTREMELY LOW WATER USE LANDSCAPES

27 – 6PM – DIY DRIP IRRIGATION
CORRESPONDS WITH EPA WATERSENSE SMART IRRIGATION MONTH

August

10 – 6PM – SHADE GARDENING

17 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS TURF SERIES PART 1: TURF TYPES

24 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS TURF SERIES PART 2: MAINTENANCE

31 – 6PM – TOUGH TEXAS TURF SERIES PART 3: TROUBLESHOOTING

September

7 – 6PM – FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING

21 – 6PM – DIY RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH A RAIN BARREL SALE AND WATER CONSERVATION KITS PROVIDED WITH BARRELS.

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October

5 – 6PM – FALL PLANTS FOR FALL BUTTERFLIES
12 – 6PM – FALL CONTAINER GARDENING
19 – 6PM – DIY DRIP IRRIGATION

November

2 – 6PM – GARDENING TO ATTRACT BIRDS
9 – 6PM – TREES FOR NORTH TEXAS

December

7 – 6PM – SOILS AND SITE PREP
14 – 6PM – POINSETTIAS AND OTHER WINTER PLANTS FOR TEXAS

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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.

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