

“Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” Training Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services

Advanced Training Program Purpose and information:

The “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” program is designed to provide advanced training and resources whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designated educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

To become a certified “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass”, Master Gardeners are required to attend the “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” training and subsequently meet service requirements described below. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within her/his local county programs.

“Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” training will be comprised of high-quality training combined with hands-on experience including turfgrass physiology; nutrient rate and application; cultivar selections; and weed, disease, insect ID and control.

Participation requirements:

To be eligible for the “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass”, 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 applicants must be approved by their local County Extension Agent.

Position Description and Service Requirements:

The “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” is charged to increase awareness, provide training in turfgrass and facilitate implementation of proper turfgrass practices on a home/neighborhood/community level. Training activities during the course will empower the Master Gardener to complete these service requirements.

Service requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Attending the “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” training
- Volunteering 20 hours above and beyond the county’s current volunteer obligation within one year of the advanced training
- Serving as a local “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” resource in the Extension program for a minimum of one year
- Assisting in educating Master Gardeners, interns, and the public in turfgrass
- Increasing client awareness of turfgrass through presentations, training, and mass media efforts (i.e. radio, newspaper, social media, television, and newsletters)
- Submitting a completed “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” Training Volunteer Report Form as directed for certification
- Optional: submitting TMGA reimbursement paperwork

Advanced Training recognition and certification:

Upon completion of the “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” training and service requirements, the Master Gardener will be awarded an “Advanced Master Gardener – Turfgrass” certificate and lapel pin.

Resources available to the Master Gardener Advanced Training: Turfgrass:

- Advanced training on turfgrass and networking with presenters
- Educational materials on turfgrass
- Direct access to the Texas A&M Extension Services Program Advanced Training