

In today's marketplace, consumers are looking for greener choices in all aspects of their purchasing decisions.

These purchasing decisions include landscape maintenance and pest control services.



Well managed landscapes are an important part of a sustainable community. Landscapes:

- enhance the environmental quality of communities;
- provide an area for rainwater infiltration and storm water storage;
- decrease air pollution;
- produce oxygen;
- reduce noise pollution;
- increase property values;
- encourage community pride;
- increase economic activity;
- decrease human stress levels
- encourage physical fitness
- mitigate urban heat islands created by built structures and;
- provide habitat for wildlife;



The mission of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing educational programs and services to the people of Texas. Extension educates Texans in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, youth and adult life skills, human capital and leadership, and community economic development. The agency improves the lives of Texans through an educational process that uses research-based knowledge focused on issues and needs.

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**2009 Sustainable Landscape
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OHBA's Mission:

We assist metro Houston area horticultural businesses who embrace organic principles and standards. We serve as a forum for education, certification and promotion of environmentally conscience horticultural practices. We seek to be a unifying force to improve the environmental well being of our region.

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October 16th, 2009

8:00 a.m.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Harris County Office
3033 Bear Creek Dr · Houston, TX 77084

This event is targeted for landscape pest control and maintenance professionals seeking to learn about landscape maintenance and pest control practices that are effective and environmentally friendly.

**5 TDA CEUs (2 IPM, 2 General, 1 L&R)
SPCS CEUs TBA**

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AGENDA

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration, coffee and refreshments**
- 8:00 a.m. **Natural insecticides in the landscape**
Dr. Scott Ludwig—Texas AgriLife Extension Service
The presentation will cover “natural” and “organic” pesticides labeled for ornamental plants in the urban landscape setting. Many natural pesticides tend to be more target specific and less persistent in the environment. As a result, it is critical to fully understand the attributes and limitations of these natural pesticides to use them effectively.
- 9:10 a.m. **Using beneficial insects to manage pests in the urban landscape**
Dr. Carlos Bogran—Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Existing beneficial insects and mites can be encouraged or introduced in urban landscapes to control pest insects. Learn how to prevent the need for pesticides by actively promoting beneficial insects in the landscape.
- 10:10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Kunafin Insectary - Biological Integrated Pest Management Programs**
Release of beneficial insects in the Harris County Extension Demonstration Landscape. Insects to be released include ladybugs, lacewings, trichogramma wasps, and fly parasites
- 10:30 a.m. **Laws and regulations update for landscape pest control professionals**
Dr. Grady Glenn—Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Update of the merger of TDA and SPCS, termites in mulch/storm debris, as well as laws regulating the use of beneficial insects in pest control
- 11:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:15 a.m. **Preventing pest insects and plant diseases by utilizing natural fertilizers based on soil testing**
Dr. Tony Provin—Texas AgriLife Extension Service ; Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory
Regardless of the fertilizer source used, soil testing is necessary to determine the optimal fertilizer program for an urban landscape setting. Soil testing will not only ensure you are using the right fertilizer to promote healthy plants, but also maximizes budgets and minimizes the potential for environmental pollution.
- 1:15 p.m. **Irrigation management’s influence on plant diseases and pest insects**
Dr. Anthony Camerino—Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Water is not only a critical natural resource that needs to be conserved, but also plays a significant factor in plant health management. Learn how appropriate use of irrigation may prevent pest and disease development.

REGISTRATION

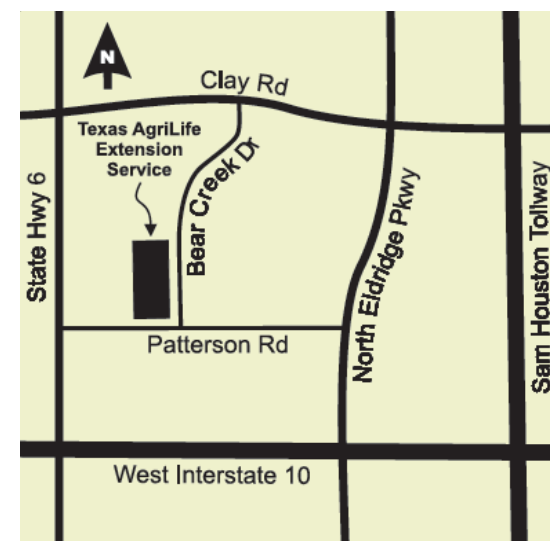
Cost: \$40.00

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<http://www.ohbaonline.org/events.htm>

Or call:
Ms. Sheronda Bryant at:
(281) 855-5600

Checks will be accepted at the door.
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LOCATION



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