

## Trees for Ohio and Tool Sharpening workshops

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I love trees and consider myself a certified tree-hugger. How about you? Do you love trees? Do you know much about them? Do you want to learn more about them?

Ohio State University Extension Clark County is offering you the opportunity to learn all about trees for Ohio in an upcoming day-long class in Springfield.

Trees for Ohio Landscapes is being held on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum Clubhouse and includes an incredible line-up of top-notch teachers.

Dr. Andy Londo, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Director and a forestry specialist will be talking all things trees, particularly about trees that would be good ash replacements.

Amy Stone, OSU Extension Lucas County will be talking about the invasive species in Ohio that are affecting our trees. This includes emerald ash borer, Asian long-horned beetle, walnut wilt and others. Learn how to identify these problems and what to do if you discover them.

We are very excited to have Steve Foltz, horticulturist at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden talk about trees that can be used in our landscapes. Steve is an outstanding plantsman and will share the best flowering trees as well as stories from the zoo.

Rounding out the program is Paul Snyder, horticulturist from Secret Arboretum. Another incredible plantsman, Paul will be talking about underutilized native Ohio trees that can be incorporated into the landscape.

The cost for the program which includes lunch is \$40.00. Registration and more information is available at [go.osu.edu/treesmatter](http://go.osu.edu/treesmatter)

Register now as class size is limited.

We also have an opportunity for you to prepare yourself for next spring's pruning activities with our Tool Sharpening Workshop on October 27.

It's amazing how dull our pruning tools get after a season of use. It's also amazing that some gardeners have never sharpened their pruners and other garden tools!

This is a hands-on opportunity for you to bring your small garden tools such as pruners, loppers, shovels, trowels, hoes, and others and learn how to sharpen them.

We will supply all of the materials necessary to clean and sharpen and you will do the work. Your tools will be ready to go next spring when it comes time to prune.

The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00 and includes lunch.

For further information and registration form go to [go.osu.edu/toolworkshop](http://go.osu.edu/toolworkshop)

On a final note, if you haven't gotten rain in your area (I am in northern Clark County) I recommend that you water any newly-established plants such as trees, shrubs and perennials.

If you have a fall vegetable garden, you should be watering those plants as well.

It's a bit dry in my area and because of the recent warmer weather, plants are beginning to show signs of water stress.

