



Become a Citizen Forester

Help your community take care of its trees.

Classes are forming now. This program is sponsored by the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council.

What is a Citizen Forester?

Citizen Forester volunteers are committed to helping their community take care of its public trees. Trained to plant, prune, and properly maintain trees in an urban environment, Citizen Foresters are involved with many projects, including assisting with tree inventories, training and pruning newly established trees, measuring street trees for clearance, mulching trees in public parks, and participating in tree planting programs and tree give-away events.

Training

Citizen Foresters will successfully complete a combination of 36 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on field training and 25 hours of community service in year one and 20 hours annually thereafter. Topics include recommended native and adoptive trees, hands-on planting and pruning experience, benefits of trees, urban tree conflicts and their effects on public tree management, and other relevant urban forestry topics.

Eligibility

If you are interested in learning more about trees and are willing to volunteer to help care for and maintain the public trees in your city or town, then Citizen Forester is for you! The Citizen Forester program is open to interest adults living in the 17 counties in North Texas that make up the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council.

Class Schedule

Citizen Forester classes will be held in Denton from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, once a month from January to May. Approximately half of each class will be in a classroom setting, the rest will be outdoors with hands-on learning. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided.

Cost and Application

There is a \$50 tuition for the first year. Volunteer hours will be required to maintain certification. Space is limited; to register, email Courtney Blevins at cblevins@tfs.tamu.edu, or call (817) 879-3974. For more information, visit www.cityofdenton.com/trees.

