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Pesticide Application Education

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 8:15 am to 2:45 pm
Bob Duncan Center
2800 Center Street, Arlington, TX 76014

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Welcome
Laura Miller, County Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  Drift Minimization
Dr. Hennen Cummings, Associate Professor, Tarleton State University
Keep your pesticides on target in turf and landscape systems by evaluating application conditions and choosing products and equipment wisely.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  Crape Myrtle Bark Scale: Managing an Invasive Pest
Dr. Mengmeng Gu, Extension Plant Horticulture Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Crape Myrtle is one of the most widely planted flowering trees in North Texas. Since its appearance in a commercial landscape in Richardson in 2014, we’ve learned a lot about the Crape Myrtle’s most serious pest, Crape Myrtle Bark Scale. Dr. Gu will discuss its natural enemies, management, and alternate hosts.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  Emerald Ash Borer: Managing an Invasive Pest
Courtney Blevins, Regional Urban Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
Recently confirmed in Tarrant County, EAB puts native and landscape ash trees at risk. Learn more about this devastating pest and how to protect valuable ash trees.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m  Pesticide Application Laws and Regulations Update
Dr. Mark Matocha, Extension Specialist Ag and Environmental Safety, Texas A&M AgriLife, College Station
Everything licensed applicators to know about staying in compliance with Texas laws to protect human health and the environment.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  Weed Indicators
Laura Miller, County Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife
Integrated Pest Management requires looking at the big picture. Weed species in turf often indicate an underlying cultural problem such as soil compaction, high or low soil pH, fertility imbalance, and, too much or too little water. Take an integrated approach to weed management and let the weeds tell you what to do.

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  Wrap up and Evaluations