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Free Fall Gardening Presentation

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“Fall Gardening: Vegetables, Trees and Shrubs” will be the topic of the Henderson County Master Gardener program on Saturday, August 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at McDade’s Nursery, 1000 N Tool Drive Highway 274, Tool, Texas. This presentation is offered free to the public. It will be held rain or shine.

Master Gardener Robert Erickson will walk you through the steps needed for a successful vegetable garden for the coming cold months as well as in spring. Erickson is a successful composter and raised bed vegetable gardener. He will share his knowledge of successful growing techniques, seeds vs. seedlings, and “what to plant and when to plant”.



Following Erickson’s presentation, Master Gardeners Lynn Stroud and Lydia Holley will share tips on fall tree and shrub planting, and Master Gardener Jeanne Brown will answer questions on heirloom vegetables. Information on planting times, plant types and best planting practices will get you on your way to a great fall garden and spring color.

Many East Texas gardeners feel fall is the perfect time to grow vegetables. A part of that success begins with the timing of preparation and planting. Although it is still summer, with temperatures that do not feel like fall, waiting until things are cool may be too late for most vegetables grown in East Texas. A cornucopia of vegetables can be grown in fall, including, but not limited to beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, eggplant, kale, lettuces, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkin, radishes, spinach, squash, tomatoes, and watermelon.

In late summer and early fall at local nurseries, you will find a great selection of trees and shrubs best grown in East Texas. There are a variety of maples, oaks, hollies, crape myrtles and camellias that can bring leaf color in the fall, bright berries to feed birds in the drab winter months, or winter and early spring flowers. These and other shrubs and trees will benefit from fall planting.

Join Henderson County Master Gardeners on August 19, 9:00 am, at McDade’s Nursery for information and inspiration for your fall garden. Applications for the upcoming 2017 Master Gardener class will also be available then.

The 2017 Master Gardener class begins on Friday, September 1. It runs every Friday, 9 am-2 pm, through December 8. This Community Education class is offered at Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) in Athens. In Henderson County we have a great group of Master Gardeners who range from novices to plant enthusiasts to experienced gardeners. We would like you to join us in the upcoming class.

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