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Gardening Guide Offered

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Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) is pleased to offer a month-by-month gardening guide to the public for only \$15. This guide is specific to East Texas and will be available after October 4. The guide lists vegetable planting dates and gardening chores for flowers; shrubs and trees; and lawn and ground cover each month

Specific tips and tricks relating to the chores listed are included. For example, pruning information for roses, hydrangeas, and clematis is given.. Additionally, the four different types of hydrangeas commonly grown in East Texas are listed, along with the correct pruning method and timing for each type. A breakdown of clematis types and the proper pruning of each one is also included.



Twelve different articles on subjects pertaining to gardening in East Texas has been added throughout the book. Soils; watering; butterfly and bee gardens; Texas Superstar® plants; bulbs; wildflowers; herbs; and several other topics are explained in detail.

This book should become a treasure to every gardener in East Texas for two reasons. First, this guide can be used year after year, unlike a calendar which loses its usefulness. Secondly, the guide has additional pages each month for notes. This allows each gardener to personalize it to their own specific garden.

Covered with plastic, this spiral-bound book is approximately 5.5 x 8.5 inches, just the perfect size to pop into your tote or wagon and take out in the garden with you. You may want to purchase several for friends and family, and some for Christmas gifts.

This gardening guide was the project chosen by the 2018 HCGMA intern class. Interns have taken the Master Gardener class and are working on their volunteer hours to obtain certification. Proceeds from the sale of this book will go toward funding horticultural educational projects and programs designed to meet the needs of Henderson County gardeners. HCMGA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The guides will be available for pick up at the Henderson County Extension Office, 3rd floor, Courthouse, Athens, after October 4. Call 903-675-6130 to reserve a copy today. You may also reserve a copy by giving your name and number to a Master Gardener at the HCMGA booth on Saturday, September 29, at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center's Outdoor Expo and Bluegill Family Fishing Tournament. The Center is located at 5550 F.M. 2495, Athens. At the booth, Master Gardeners will give out soil test kits and will be available to answer your gardening questions. HCMGA would appreciate you stopping by the booth to say hello.

For more information, call 903-675-6130, email hendersonCMGA@gmail.com, or visit txmg.org/hendersonmg.