



Sun Country Landscape Conference:

Plant it Forward--Plant a Tree!

Thursday, October 26 - Friday, October 27
Tech20 Center - 10751 Montana Avenue

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This conference will provide the most up-to-date information on the design, care and maintenance of landscapes.

The West Texas Urban Forestry Council (WTUFC) is a group dedicated to improving our urban and community forest by promoting the preservation, health and expansion of community trees in the El Paso region.



Programs conducted by the WTUFC serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, national origin, or veteran status.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Morning Session - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:00 am **Plant it Forward: Plant a Tree--Really? In a Desert?** - Dr. John Mexal, NMSU Crop & Environmental Science Professor Emeritus
- 8:30 am **Best Practices with the Landcape Code** - Luiz Tarrazas, David Parra, Jennifer Barr, Local LAs
- 9:30 am Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- 9:45 am **Proper Pruning Can Improve the Life of Trees** - Mike Sills, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 10:45 am **Proper Tree Planting** - Mickey Merritt, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 11:45 pm **Green Stormwater Infrastructure (and how trees can play a role!)** - Brent Pearson and Fred Lopez, City of El Paso
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Afternoon Sessions - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Break-Out Session #1

- 1:00 pm **Introducing New Plants** - Diana de la O, UTEP
- 2:00 pm **The State of Water Conservation**- Craig Borland
- 3:00 pm Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- 3:30 pm **Big Tree Registry** - Mickey Merritt, Texas A & M Forest Service

Break-Out Session #2 (TDA credits-eligible)

- Emerald Ash Borer** - Dr. Carol Sutherland, New Mexico State University
- Cool Season Weed ID and Control** - Dr. Leslie Beck, NMSU
- Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)
- Pesticide Drift and the Law**- Mario Saavedra

Friday, October 27, 2017

Morning Session - 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

- 8:15 am **Climate and Weather** - David DeBois
- 9:00 am **Selection & Care of Palm Trees** - Jeff Anderson and M.L. Robinson
- 10:00 am **Break (Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation)**
- 10:15 am **Woody Plant Disorders** - Jason Woodward
- 11:15 am **How Fire Spreads-- Elements of a SIMTABLE** - Shiloh Mullican, Texas A&M Forest Service
- 12:15 pm End of Day 2

