

Community Tree Steward Program



Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is reviving its Community Tree Steward program, a seven-meeting course designed to train community members on proper selection, care and maintenance of trees.

What is it?

It's 24 hours of hands-on training in community tree management. In both classroom and field settings, you will learn:

- Basic tree identification
- Species selection
- Tree planting
- Tree care and maintenance
- Pest management
- Value assessment
- Inventory techniques

Who is it for?

This program is intended to serve citizen volunteers.

Others who also may attend include:

- Community forestry and parks staff
- Tree care professionals
- Utility company representatives
- County conservation board staffs
- Anyone else interested in community trees

The course will be based at the Des Moines Water Works, with trips to local nurseries, communities and conservation areas included. It will be held Tuesday nights from 6-9 p.m., beginning on September 19 and running until October 24. A street tree inventory session will also be held on Saturday, October 7.

ISU Extension and Outreach specialists, along with state officers and industry professionals, will provide instruction. The program costs \$65 per person and includes an instructional manual. The course is limited to the first 25 participants who register.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be offered through the International Society of Arboriculture.

- Certified Arborists: 20+ CEU
- Certified Utility Specialist: 3 CEU
- Certified Municipal Specialist: 20+ CEU
- BCMA Science: 6.5 CEU
- BCMA Practice: 11.5 CEU
- BCMA Management: 5.5 CEU

Registration can be completed online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/education/treesteward.html>.

Questions about the course can be directed to Gabbi Edwards at gedwards@iastate.edu or 515-294-1153.

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