

The 2010 Tree Care Workshops offered in March in Alliance, North Platte, Hastings, Norfolk, Omaha and Lincoln will offer members of the green industry the opportunity to hear the latest in current and emerging issues in tree care.

“This will be excellent training given the severe weather this winter. Communities are working to replace trees that were removed, prune damaged trees and care for remaining trees by understanding disease and insect threats,” said Eric Berg, Nebraska Forest Service community forestry program leader.

The half-day workshops will be offered March 9 at the Alliance Public Library in Alliance, March 10 at North Platte Community College in North Platte, March 11 at Central Community College in Hastings, March 23 at Douglas/Sarpy County Extension in Omaha, March 24 at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk or March 25 at Country Inn and Suites in Lincoln.

Each workshop offers three presentations by Nebraska forestry professionals.

Topics include: The Next Major Invasion An Update of Current and Approaching Major Tree Pests; Soil Churning Over an Old Topic to Understand It Better; and The Links Between CODIT and Proper Pruning. A discussion of ReTree Nebraska and the Statewide Forestry Assessment will follow the presentations.

The workshops are developed specifically for public works employees, landscape managers, tree board volunteers, arborists, nursery professionals and others in the green industry.

Participants can earn Continuing Education Units from the International Society of Arboriculture and Nebraska Arborists Association for attending the workshops.

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Registration is \$30 per person (\$15 for students, master gardeners, tree board volunteers, ReTree Nebraska ambassadors and NAA, NNLA and ISA members) if postmarked by March 3. A \$10 fee will be added to walk-ins and registrations postmarked after March 3.

Information about the 2010 Tree Care Workshops, including a registration form, is online at <http://www.nfs.unl.edu> or from a Nebraska Forest Service district forester (<http://www.nfs.unl.edu/NFSdistricts.asp>).

Completed registration form and check payable to the Nebraska Forest Service Tree Care Workshops can be sent to Jean Paff, Nebraska Forest Service, 103 Entomology Hall, P.O. Box 830815, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815.

The Tree Care Workshops are held in cooperation with North Platte Community College, Northeast Community College and Central Community College and are sponsored by the Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc., Nebraska Arborists Association and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.