



FREE TREE, LAWN, LANDSCAPE & GARDENING CLASSES

Learn more about caring for your trees, lawn, and garden at these informative (and FREE!) classes brought to you by Boise Parks & Recreation.

All classes are from 6 pm - 8:30 pm
at Boise Public Library | 715 S. Capitol Boulevard, Boise

2017 SCHEDULE

CEUs (Continuing Education Credits) are available for the tree care classes.

Feb 16 – Grape Growing

with Danny Trevett, Manager of Horticultural Care and Maintenance at Esther Simplot Park

Come learn about growing grapes here in Idaho. Danny will cover everything from planting, pruning and harvesting your grapes to how to train your grape vines and handle the challenges of insects and diseases. Grape vines can be a valuable addition to your homestead or a great backyard hobby with delicious results to boot!

Feb 22 – Organic Gardening

Boise Urban Garden School's Organic Gardening Class taught by Naomi Davenport

Get ready for the upcoming growing season! During this two hour workshop you will learn the basics of organic gardening. Topics will include garden planning, plant selection and care, water, and weed and pest management. Leave with the knowledge to grow a successful organic garden, and how you can enjoy the health and money saving benefits of cultivating your own food.

Feb. 28 – What Makes Trees Tick – An Inside Look at Trees!

with Gary Moen, Arborist and Professor Emeritus at BSU

Learn how a tree works from top to bottom. Understanding how a tree functions will help you make decisions about the long term health of your trees. This class is an important foundation for the other classes.

March 1 & March 9 – Fruit Tree Pruning

with Matt Perkins, Boise City Arborist and Manager of the Laura Moore Cunningham City Arboretum

Knowing how and when to prune for fruit is much different than pruning an ornamental tree. If you have a fruit tree, this is the class for you! Due to the popularity of this class, we are offering it on two different nights: Wednesday, March 1 & Thursday, March 9. Please register for only one.

March 14 & March 16 – Tree Pruning

with Dennis Matlock, Boise City Arborist

Learn the correct way to make a pruning cut, the tree's response to the cuts you make and how to prune for the long term health and beauty of your trees. We are offering this class on two different nights: Tuesday, March 14 & Thursday, March 16. Please register for only one.

March 22 – Tree Selection & Planting

with Ryan Rodgers, Boise City Arborist and Manager of the Laura Moore Cunningham City Arboretum

Choosing a tree requires careful consideration of soil, the environment, and the mature characteristics of the tree. Planting incorrectly is one of the most common reasons for tree failure. Unfortunately, sometimes the problem isn't evident for 10 or more years. Once you've chosen the perfect tree, learn how to ensure the long-term success of the tree.

March 29 – Tree Problems

with Debbie Cook, Boise City Arborist

Learn about some of the most common problems found on trees in the Treasure Valley. We'll cover insects and diseases that affect our trees and also the most common problems people create by incorrect cultural practices. You'll learn to identify the problems and will be given suggestions on how to correct them.

April 5 – Lawn & Irrigation

with Dave Beck, Boise City Lawn Maintenance Specialist & Danny Roop Boise Parks & Rec Irrigation Mechanic

An overview of important topics related to growing a beautiful lawn, including turfgrass growth, physiology, and effective cultivation strategies for different grass types common in Idaho will be covered. Danny Roop will discuss efficient irrigation systems, plus sprinkler maintenance and design. Q&A at the end.

April 12 – Roses & Landscape

with Andrea Wurtz, Master Gardener & Certified Landscape Technician & Toby Norton, Boise Parks & Rec Landscape Architect

This course will cover all the important tasks involved in the care of roses in the Boise area year 'round. From proper pruning techniques to selecting the right plant for the job, we will review the basic steps involved to produce beautiful, healthy roses. You will also gain an understanding of landscape design, including orientation, hydrozones, and proper plant placement. Q&A at the end.

ALL CLASSES
ARE FREE!

These classes are offered at no charge but please register with Fort Boise Community Center at (208) 608-7680 or online at parks.cityofboise.org/register-for-classes if you plan on attending.