

University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening program focuses on environmental stewardship, home gardening, and backyard food production.

JOIN THESE FREE ONLINE FALL WEBINAR OFFERINGS

GARDEN TOOL MAINTENANCE

SEPTEMBER 14 | 1:30 PM CT

Make gardening less of a chore by maintaining your equipment. Sharp, rust-free tools are easier on the body and make whatever task is at hand quicker to finish. Horticulture Educator Richard Hentschel will cover care for hand tools and small engine equipment commonly used in the garden and home landscape.

THE NUTS AND BOLES OF TREE IDENTIFICATION

OCTOBER 19 | 1:30 PM CT

Illinois is home to hundreds of native and non-native tree species, but identifying them isn't always easy. Besides leaves, bark, twigs, buds, flowers, boles, and fruit can also be helpful in identification. Gain confidence in your tree ID abilities by joining Horticulture Educator Sarah Vogel to learn how to recognize tree species based on the size, shape, and appearance of tree parts and their scientific names.

TREE ROOT COLLAR DISORDERS

NOVEMBER 30 | 1:30 PM CT

A root collar is an important area of a tree where root tissue shifts to trunk tissue. Impacts to this part of the tree can have a variety of symptoms from yellow foliage and early fall color to dieback in the upper canopy, and even tree death. Horticulture Educator Ryan Pankau will explore how to prevent, identify, and treat common tree root collar disorders.

Register at go.illinois.edu/FourSeasons
at least one week before course date.

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