

UMN Urban & Community Forestry Updates to MnSTAC – November 2, 2023

Department of Forest Resources

Alicia Coleman has now officially started at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Forest Resources as the new Assistant Professor in Urban and Community Forestry. She will teach two courses in the spring semester of 2024, *Arboriculture: Selection and Maintenance of Trees* and *Urban Forest Management: Managing Greenspaces for People*. Link to Dr. Coleman's profile: <https://forestry.umn.edu/people/alicia-coleman>

The UMN Urban Forestry Outreach and Research (UFOR) team is in the process of hiring a new Arboriculture Educator to provide technical training around the state. Examples of future offerings include:

- Chainsaw safety and maintenance
- Aerial rescue
- Structural and developmental pruning
- Rope and saddle tree climbing techniques
- Technical tree removal and rigging operations
- Tree pests/pathogens and Integrated Pest Management
- Tree risk assessment

University of Minnesota Extension

Oak Tree Health Workshop – Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Waite Park, MN

Event website: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/oak-tree-health>

Timber Management and Taxation Workshop – Thursday, November 9, 2023 in Cloquet, MN

Event website: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/timber-management-and-taxation>

MN Shade Tree Short Course

Planning is underway for the 2024 MN Shade Tree Short Course. Conference dates are March 12-13, 2024. Conference website: www.mnstsc.org.

MN Certified Tree Inspector Program

UMN is holding five Tree Inspector Recertification Workshops around the state in November. Workshops will be held in Morris, Brainerd, Waseca, Oakdale, and Saint Louis Park. There are currently over 1,000 Certified Tree Inspectors around the state. UMN Tree Inspector website: <https://mntreeinspector.umn.edu/>

MnSTAC

The MnSTAC newsletter has 774 subscribers to date. Open rates are regularly between 40-55%.

The next MnSTAC Forum will occur on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10-11am and take place at Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Central Office and on Zoom. Molly Coddling,

MN-DNR's Community Environmental Justice Coordinator will present on *Engaging environmental justice communities in community forest management*. More info at the MnSTAC Forum page: <https://www.mnstac.org/forums.html>

The Theodore Wirth Chalet has once again been reserved for the Holiday Potluck, which will occur on Thursday, December 21, 2023.