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Spring lawn care classes on tap for area residents *Free informational seminars can pay off during summer*

MURPHY (January 8, 2016) It might not be among the most talked about topics at the dinner table right now, but residents know that before long, the lingering hot days of summer will be bearing down on us, says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager.

“Those hot days are a few months away, but still, it’s not too early to start thinking about a smarter way to water our lawns,” she said. “Anything that we can do to prepare for the summer watering season will be beneficial in the long run.”

One sure way to ease watering worries is to learn about how to care for lawns and landscapes using reliable data and information. To that end, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering classes called Urban Sustainability Courses.

“The classes are free and are offered to any resident wishing to learn more about the science behind lawn care,” she said. “The information that is presented at these seminars has been gathered from years of study and observation. Implementing the tips and techniques they cover can help maintain an attractive lawn and keep the costs of doing so manageable.”

Over 20 separate classes on this topic are offered between now and early summer. For example, on Feb. 20, a class on Lawn Care will be presented from 9 a.m. to noon at the Texas A&M AgriLife Dallas Center, Building E Auditorium, 17360 Coit Rd. in Dallas. Then, on April 2, a class on Water Efficient Landscape will be held at the same location from 9 a.m. to noon. These are among the many classes that can provide information and advice on lawn care and water conservation.

Registration is required, and seats are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a spot in any of the classes, residents should visit www.dallas.tamu.edu/course.

“Getting smart on lawn care is a win-win,” said McQuiston. “Improving curb appeal and saving money can indeed go hand-in-hand.”

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.