

Hemlock Help Clinic

This introductory class is designed for people who are new to the area and haven't heard about the hemlock problem as well as for others who are aware of the problem but want to learn more about the options for saving the trees.

CONTENT – It provides an overview of the importance of the hemlocks, the invasive insect that's killing them, what property owners can do to save their own trees, opportunities for volunteers to help save the trees on public lands, and why timely action is vital. It also provides information about the services available through SGH. An outline is below, and handouts will be sent by email.

DURATION – 1 to 1½ hours, depending on discussion.

COST – The Clinic is totally FREE.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – To register, please text Derrick at 404-593-3173 or derrick1p1@gmail.com no later than noon of the day before class and provide your phone, email address, and county. The class is usually taught via ZOOM.

OUTLINE OF HEMLOCK HELP CLINIC

- A. The role and importance of hemlocks
 - Aesthetic value
 - Ecological value to wildlife and plants
 - Environmental value
 - Economic value to the community
 - Personal value to individuals and families
 - The consequences of not taking timely action
- B. The invasive insect that's killing them and how it does so
- C. How to recognize the problem and assess the severity
- D. What property owners can do to save their own trees
 - Do-it-yourself approach or professional service
 - Overview of treatment methods
 - Cost and safety
- E. FREE help available through the SGH Hemlock Help Line, the SGH web site, and our SGH Facilitators
 - Help for property owners
 - Help for public lands
- F. Opportunities for additional training and volunteer service

