

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. *It is a prerequisite for the Facilitator Training Workshop that is normally conducted immediately following the Clinic.*

CONTENT – It provides an overview of the importance of the hemlocks, the invasive insect that's killing them, what people can do to save their trees, and why timely action is vital. It also includes handout materials that will help property owners get started treating their own trees.

An outline is below.

COST – The Clinic is totally free.

REGISTRATION – **Registration is required.** Email <mailto:kimberlyraewood@gmail.com> or call 706-455-2313. Please indicate the date and location of the class you're registering for and include your phone number and email address.

PLEASE BRING something to take notes with.

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
- B. The invasive insect that's killing them and how it does so
- C. How to recognize the problem and assess the level of infestation
- D. What property owners can do to save their own trees
 - Cultural controls to maintain the health of the trees
 - Chemical treatment to kill the pests
 - Personal and environmental safety
 - Cost of do-it-yourself approach or professional service
- E. The consequences of not taking timely action
- F. How property owners, volunteers, and organizations can help others in their community save hemlocks on private and public land
- G. FREE help available through the SGH Hemlock Help Line, the SGH web site, and our SGH Facilitators

Professional CEUs are available. Please bring your pesticide applicator's license if you wish to apply for credits.

