



# SMARTSCAPES - Planning to Prevent Problems

## Enrollment Form FOR 2025 ONLY– Please Print legibly!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: (IMPORTANT) \_\_\_\_\_

*(SMARTSCAPES documents will be sent electronically to save paper and postage)*

**Authorization:** I want to participate in the SMARTSCAPES program. I understand enrollment begins April 1 and ends September 30, 2025. As a participant of the program, I give my permission to Henrico VCE Master Gardener volunteers to come onto my property to assess my landscape. Visits will last up to one hour. I understand the base fee (\$10.00) covers an on-site visit and program materials.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check for the above program fees. Please make your check payable to **“Henrico Master Gardener Fund.”** Mail your check and this registration form by September 30, 2025 to:

**Henrico Extension Office, P.O. Box 90775, Henrico, VA 23273-0775**

SMARTSCAPES will include a one hour visit by Henrico VCE Master Gardener volunteers who will visit your property and assess the landscape. This assessment will include a discussion of soil sampling, and evaluating the care of trees and shrubs on the property.

Assessments are prioritized by date of receipt with payment, weather, soil moisture and volunteer availability.

**Please understand that the Master Gardeners are *volunteers*, so their schedules and availability vary.**

A limited number of visits are made available on a first-come-first-served basis, we reserve the right to close the program when we have reached capacity. Submission of a completed application and payment does not guarantee enrollment in the program.

Would you like to be added to our Horticulture Email Distribution List? Please make sure your email is included in the address area above and is **LEGIBLE**.

How did you hear about our program?

Master Gardener Volunteer

Online

Newspaper

Word of Mouth

Other \_\_\_\_\_



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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this program, please contact the Henrico Extension Office at (804) 501-5160/TDD\* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30p.m. to discuss accommodations. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SMARTSCAPES Program Client Pre-Survey Questions

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If you are unsure of how to answer any of the questions, you may wait to answer the question with the Master Gardener volunteer.

*Note: For the safety of our volunteers, we reserve the right to forego sampling and evaluating properties where pets cannot be removed from the sampling area during the stated evaluation time frame.*

### Soil Test: Do you know your soil?

- My lawn/garden/beds (circle which ones apply) have been soil tested.
- I make adjustments to my soil pH based on the soil report.
- My soil is predominately: clay/sand (circle one).
- I use compost as an amendment to improve my soil.

### Match Plants to Site

- I know which areas of my yard are sunny, shady or in between.
- I know which areas of my yard are well drained or poorly drained.
- I have identified the plants in my landscape.
- I know which plants are in the right site because they are thriving.
- When selecting new plants, I select the right plant for the site.
- I select healthy, disease-free plants.

### Arrange Plants

- I dig a wide, shallow hole when planting trees and shrubs.
- I do not amend planting holes for single trees or shrubs.
- I do amend entire planting beds with compost.
- I think about plant placement /mature size when choosing plants.

### Rain and Irrigation

- I avoid light, frequent watering. Instead, I water deeply as needed.
- I irrigate early in the morning to reduce evaporation and discourage disease-avoiding overhead watering.

### Trouble Free Installation and Maintenance

- I install new plants in the spring or fall and water these until established.
- I remove dead, dying, diseased, and damage limbs whenever I see them.
- I prune plants in the proper time of year.
- I identify insects, weeds, and diseases before attempting to control them.
- I physically remove pests when possible.
- When pesticides are needed, I choose the least toxic to protect beneficial insects.
- I read and follow all label directions when applying pesticides.

