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UVI-CES To Host Tree Pruning Workshops

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The University of the Virgin Islands' Cooperative Extension Service (UVI-CES) - Agriculture and Natural Resources Program will hold a tree pruning workshop entitled, "How to Correctly and Safely Prune Trees", UVI announced Tuesday. The workshops will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Research and Extension Center, Room 133, on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix and on Friday, Feb. 23, in the UVI CELL Training Room on the St. Thomas Campus. Both workshops will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The training will focus on safety, tree biology, on making proper pruning cuts, pruning equipment, safety equipment, and different types of pruning with special reference to hurricane damage. These workshops will also include a hands-on pruning demonstration.

Stafford Crossman, acting State Director of UVI-CES, is encouraging the public to attend the workshops to learn more about the importance of trees in the recovery process after hurricanes Irma and Maria.

“All persons especially those involved with, or interested in, caring for trees are encouraged to attend this important workshop,” said Crossman. “The information provided in the workshops will be very valuable and pertinent, as our trees recover from the devastation caused by the two category five hurricanes.”

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