



Georgia Vegetation Management Association  
2023 Annual Conference  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Wednesday, 4/26	12:30 pm	Registration	
	2:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up	
Thursday, 4/27	7:00 am- 8:00 am	Buffet Breakfast	
	8:00 am- 8:15 am	Welcome & President Remarks	<b>John Allen</b> GVMA President <i>Georgia Transmission Corp</i>
	8:15 am- 9:00 am	Basics of Residential and Commercial Tree Care	<b>Brian Ziegler</b> President <i>Georgia Arborist Association</i>
	9:00 am- 10:00 am	Common and Emerging Woody Invasives in GA, Including Identification and (Effective and Ineffective) Management Strategies	<b>Dr. David Coyle</b> Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist <i>Clemson University</i>
		Door Prize	
	10:00 am- 10:30 am	Break with Exhibitors	
	10:30 am- 11:30 am	<b>Am I prepared for the Next Storm</b>	<b>Stephen Hilbert</b> General Manager Technical Service <i>Asplundh Technical Services</i>
	11:30 am- 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	
	1:00 pm- 1:15pm	Door Prize	
	1:15 pm- 2:15 pm	Pesticide Mode of Action and Pest Resistance	<b>Willie Chance</b> <i>Training by Willie Chance, LLC</i>



Thursday, 4/27

2:15 pm- 2:30 pm

Break with Exhibitors

2:30 pm- 3:00 pm

Door Prizes & Vendor Updates

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Safely Rigging Trees

**Mike Benton**

*Georgia EMC*

4:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Redefining Urban Forestry

**Damon Barron**

*Carolina Urban Lumber*

5:00 pm- 8:00 pm

GVMA SOCIAL

On the RIVER

LIVE Music: RSSD



Friday, 4/28

7:00 am- 8:00 am

Buffet Breakfast

8:00 am- 9:00 am

Storm Damage Mitigation

**Seth Hawkins**

Urban and Community Forester

Program Coordinator

*Georgia Forestry Commission*

9:00 am- 10:00 am

EPA and GDA Updates  
and Pesticide Safety

**Rick Hayes**

Pesticide Registration and

Special Projects

*Georgia Department of Ag*

10:00 am- 10:15 am

**BREAK**

10:15 am- 10:30 am

Door Prize

10:30 am- 11:30 am

Using ANSI Standards to  
Write Specs for  
Vegetation Management

**Jimmy Walters**

Consulting Urban Forester

*Urban Forest Advisors, LLC*

11:30 am- 12:00 pm

Grand Prize Drawing/Adjourn

**Thank you for attending! Safe Travels!**