



Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program & Your County Extension Services

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Florida in the Year 2060



No Scale



Developed Land



Conservation Lands
Permanently Protected



Environmental Concerns

Population Growth

- Florida's population is expected to double by 2060
- Increased demand for water
- Increased pollution
- Decreased habitats that filter polluted run-off before it returns to the aquifer



Impact of Landscaping

- Approximately 60% of homeowner water use in Florida is for lawn and landscape irrigation



Essential Questions

- What is the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program?
- What resources are available from UF/IFAS Alachua County Extension?



Florida-Friendly Landscaping™

- What is it?
 - An integrated approach to maintaining an attractive, colorful, and diverse yard
 - Friendly to wildlife
 - Environmentally responsible
 - Less work than the traditional landscape
- Goals:
 - Conserve water
 - Protect water quality



Florida-Friendly Landscaping™:

Nine Principles

1. Right plant, right place
2. Water efficiently
3. Fertilize appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract wildlife
6. Manage yard pests
7. Recycle
8. Reduce stormwater runoff
9. Protect the waterfront



Florida-Friendly Landscaping is a collection of practices involving design, installation, operation, and maintenance which are intended to reduce irrigation water use, protect water quality from over-use of fertilizer and pesticides, and reduce stormwater runoff.

Principle #1: Right Plant, Right Place



Principle #2: Water Efficiently

- Approximately 60% of a residential water bill attributed to irrigation systems



Principle #3: Fertilize Appropriately

- Soil test- base fertilizer purchases and application on results



Principle #4: Mulch

- Protects/Enhances Soil



Principle #5: Attract Wildlife

- Urban areas rapidly increasing worldwide



Principle #6: Managing Landscape Pests Responsibly

- Set realistic expectations
- Integrated Pest Management



Principle #7: Recycle Yard Waste

- Retains the nutrients in your landscape

Principle #8: Reduce Stormwater Runoff

- Definition: excess water from irrigation, rain, or other sources



**ONLY RAIN
DOWN THE DRAIN**

LAKE STARTS HERE ♻️



Principle #9: Protect the Waterfront

- Where do you live?



Florida-Friendly Landscaping

THE SMART WAY TO GROW

- ★ SHARE THIS SITE
- ★ ASK AN EXPERT
- ★ GLOSSARY

Florida-friendly Landscaping 101

Environmental protection begins in your yard. Learn about Florida-friendly landscaping, pick up some landscaping tips and see examples of landscape designs.



Interactive Yard

Learn how to transform your yard and lawn into a Florida-friendly landscape design that will be the envy of the neighborhood.



Florida-friendly Plant Database

Find Florida plants for your landscape and Florida garden. Learn about Florida-friendly plants, including Florida native plants, that require little irrigation or fertilizer, are low maintenance and attract wildlife.



Professional's Corner

If you are a developer or landscaping professional, get the facts about Florida-friendly landscaping and learn how others are responding to consumer demand for low-impact yards.

FloridaYards.org

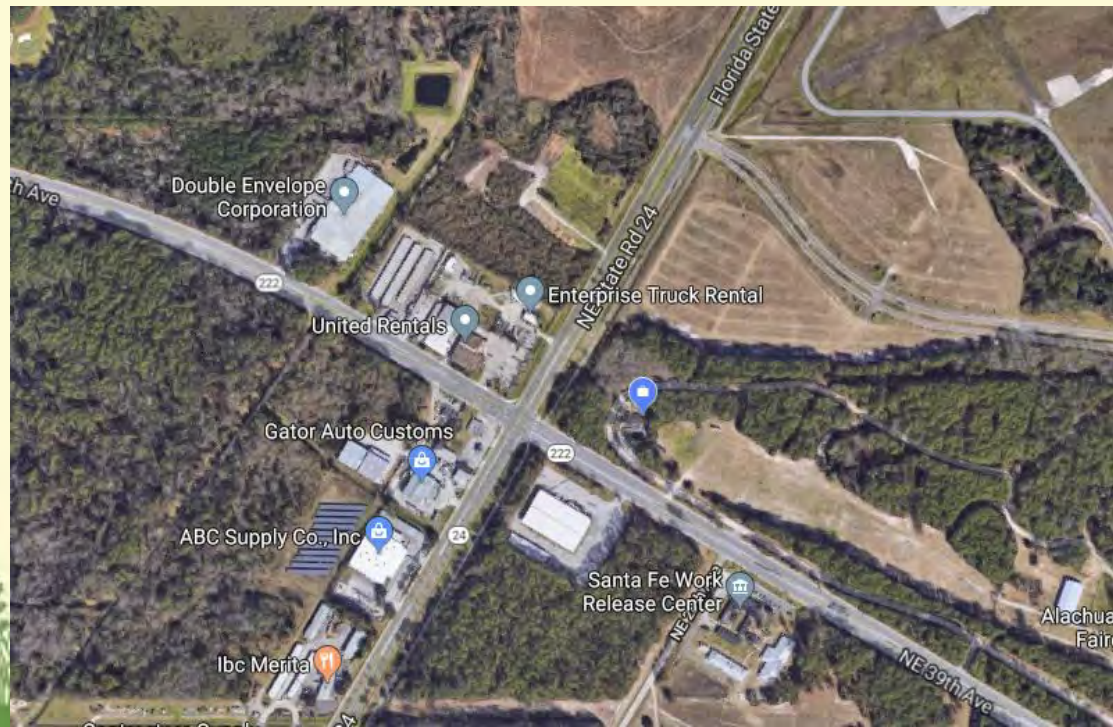
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- Landscape Management Companies & Agriculture Producers
 - GI-BMP Training & Pesticide Licensing

Recognizes

Homeowner Name

For protecting Florida's environment and enhancing the community by successfully implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices in his/her landscape at 123 Street, City, .

Florida-Friendly Landscape
Gold Level

Month day, 2014

Landscape Evaluator

University of Florida _____ *County Extension*

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Questions?

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