

Participate in a free seminar and we will introduce you to Florida friendly plants that require little irrigation and fertilizer, are low maintenance, and also attract beneficial and enjoyable wildlife!



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Seminole County Public Works  
Roads-Stormwater Division  
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[www.seminolecountyfl.gov/pw](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/pw)

Seminole County Watershed Atlas  
[www.seminole.wateratlas.org](http://www.seminole.wateratlas.org)

Seminole County Environmental Services  
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# Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

## Florida Friendly Landscaping

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The future of Florida's treasured water resources begin in your yard.

The choices you make — from developing a home site to landscaping and fertilizing your yard — actually do influence the health of Florida's natural waterways.

### Irrigation of

lawns and landscape in Florida represents the single largest use of water from our municipal water supplies. This water use has seriously impacted the aquifer, which is the source of our drinking water and water that supports Florida's springs and other ecosystems. Over-use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns are major sources of pollution in our lakes and rivers.

Whether you are new to Florida or have lived here all of your life, protecting Florida's environment starts with your own yard! The practical, common sense tips you will learn at a Florida Yard and Neighborhood presentation or workshop will:

- save you **money**
- save you **time**
- provide a better looking and **healthier** landscape



### Right Plant, Right Place

Plants selected to suit a specific site will require minimal amounts of water, fertilizer and pesticides.

### Water Efficiently

Irrigate only when your lawn and landscape need water. Efficient watering is key to a healthy Florida yard and conservation of limited resources.

### Fertilize Appropriately

Less is often best. Over-utilization of fertilizers can be unhealthy to your yard and environment.

### Mulch

Maintaining a 3" layer of mulch will help retain soil moisture, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds.

### Attract Wildlife

Plants in your yard that provide food, water, and shelter can conserve Florida's diverse wildlife.



### Control Yard Pests Responsibly

Unwise use of pesticides can harm people, pets, beneficial organisms, and the environment.

### Reduce Water Runoff

Water running off from your yard can carry pollutants such as soil, debris, fertilizer and pesticides that can adversely impact water quality. Reduction of this runoff will prevent nonpoint source pollution.

### Protect the Waterfront

Gain understanding that everyone lives in a watershed that eventually flows into a waterbody. Every homeowner has an impact on our natural resources.

### Recycle

Grass clippings, leaves, and yard trimmings recycled on site provide nutrients to the soil.