



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

This fact sheet is offered as a courtesy to assist in supporting greater understanding of water-related issues in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles

Right Plant, Right Place

Plants selected to suit a specific site will require minimal amounts of water, fertilizers and pesticides. Group plants according to their maintenance needs.

Water Efficiently

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

Fertilize Appropriately

Less is often best. Over-using fertilizers can be hazardous to your yard and the environment. Use a slow-release product to avoid washing away of nutrients.

Mulch

Maintaining an approximate 3-inch layer of mulch will help maintain 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.

Manage Yard Pests Responsibly

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

Recycle

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

Reduce Stormwater Runoff

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

Protect the Waterfront

Waterfront property, whether on a river, stream, pond, bay or beach is very fragile and should be carefully protected to maintain freshwater and marine ecosystems.

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