

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Principles

Southwest Florida
Water Management District



1 Right Plant, Right Place

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



2 Water Efficiently

Irrigate only when your lawn and landscape need water. Overwatering can waste water, cause pollution and makes plants more prone to disease and pests.



3 Fertilize Appropriately

Less is often best. Overuse of fertilizers can be hazardous to your landscape and the environment.



4 Mulch

Maintaining a 2"-3" layer of mulch will help retain soil moisture, prevent erosion and suppress weeds.



5 Attract Wildlife

Plants in your landscape that provide food, water and shelter will attract Florida's diverse wildlife.



6 Manage Yard Pests Responsibly

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



7 Recycle

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



8 Reduce Stormwater Runoff

Water running off your landscape can carry pollutants such as soil, debris, fertilizer, gasoline and pesticides that can negatively affect water quality and the environment. Reduction of this runoff will help prevent pollution.



9 Protect the Waterfront

Waterfront property, whether on a river, stream, pond, bay or beach, is very fragile and should be carefully protected to preserve Florida's waterways, plants and wildlife.

See other side for more information.

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