



Lee County Extension Service

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

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Creating and maintaining attractive landscapes to enhance our community and to protect Florida's natural environment.

Protect Florida's Natural Resources

....for generations to come.

The natural beauty of Florida continues to attract many people—some to visit and some to stay as residents. From the sandy coasts that encircle our state to the inland forests and prairies that contain lakes, river and streams, we use and enjoy Florida's natural resources for outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, hiking and camping.

Florida's rapid population growth and development brings demanding challenges. Some of the natural features that attracted us in the first place are disappearing at an unprecedented rate.

As our communities have grown, there has been tremendous pressure placed upon water resources. An amazing system of natural and man-made streams, rivers, canals, swales, retention ponds, and other elements function together to recharge the below-ground reservoirs (called aquifers) and provide us with water.

In the past, we have not been as careful as we should have been in order to protect Florida's natural resources, including water, for future generations.

Our Yards and Community Landscapes

The first line of defense

The good news is that we are learning from our past mistakes. Today, we realize that we can take important steps to prevent further destruction of Florida's natural resources and to rebuild the state's valuable ecosystems.

Whether we take care of our own yard or contract with a professional service, we can play a major role in minimizing the potentially harmful effects of urbanization on our natural resources.



