FYN Topic: Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Classes

Question: What plants tolerate the wet summer and the dry winter? Un-named - North Fort Myers.

Answer: The Florida state legislature in 2009 directed all Floridians to use plants tolerating wet summers and the dry winters to wisely conserve our water resources. They even gave a name to the right plants, Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) selections.

Our FFL list has hundreds of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, grasses, vines, palms and even annuals you can choose from. Go to http://solutionsforyourlife.com/fyn or the plant database at http://floridayards.org/fyplants/index.php.

Upcoming Florida Yards and Neighborhood classes teaching how to use the Right pPants and Practices include: Introduction to the Nine Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping™, Adopting a Florida-Friendly Yard, Rain Gardens, How to Attract Wildlife, Protecting the Waterfront and Using the Right Fertilizer. Classes are held at Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park, and/or Terry Park. For class information, call Lee County Extension Office, 239-533-7504 between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Or click on these websites.

Useful Links

http://www.floridayards.org
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu
http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/
http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome.shtml
http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu

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