



## FYN Garden Q & A Series

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### FYN Topic: Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Seminars

**Question:** I'm an avid gardener who just moved into a new neighborhood. The home behind us has a dense buffer of plants screening their pool with no lawn that I can see. Other neighbors have yards which are predominantly all lawn with a few shrubs. I don't recognize any of the shrubs and trees here. Are there any classes that can help? Bob P. Cape Coral

**Answer:** A Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ seminar series is a good place to get started. Five, ninety minute classes start this Wednesday, February 27 at 9AM and continue weekly. You can attend one or all five. Each class is followed by a tour of the native landscape surrounding the Eco-Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 4690 South Pointe Blvd., Ft Myers.

Hosted by Lee Counties Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program, each class gives homeowners practical ways to get started including what plants to use to reduce water for irrigation and minimize fertilizer. Attendees will get tips on design, installation and maintenance. Weekly topics include: Where do I get started: Basic Yard Design (**Feb. 27**); Buffer and Privacy Plantings On or Off the Water (**Mar. 6**); Low Volume Irrigation & Harvesting Rainwater (**Mar. 13**); Maintenance Part 1– Trees and Shrub Care, Pruning and Weed Control (**Mar. 20**) and Maintenance Part 2 – Caring for Older or Mature Landscape Borders and Trees (**Mar. 27**). Classes are FREE. No pre-registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome. For information, call 239-533-7505.

### 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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