

FLORIDA FRIENDLY GARDENING

We can all agree that Florida is a wonderful place to live but many, who relocate from other parts of the country, find gardening in Florida to be quite a challenge!

There are many books written on gardening but make sure they apply to your area as gardening in northern, central or southern Florida varies greatly. Check out your local library, book stores and amazon.com

A great resource is our local Extension Office where information and educational programs are offered. Check them out along with the other sites listed below.

Sarasota County Extension

6700 Clark Road, Twin Lakes Park

Sarasota, FL 34241-9328

941-861-9900

Office: Mon-Fri, 8:a.m. – 5:p.m.

Horticulture Help Desk: Mon-Fri, 9:a.m. – noon; 1:p.m. – 4:p.m.

E-mail: Sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu

Website: <http://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Southwest Florida Water Management District

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>

Sarasota County Government

<http://www.scgov.net/enfironmentalservices>

In 2007, the Sarasota County Commission approved an ordinance regulating the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus within Sarasota County. This ordinance restricts the use of fertilizers using nitrogen and phosphorus between June 1 and September 30 AND slow-release fertilizer is required the rest of the year.

Be Floridian

<http://www.befloridian.org>

NGC/FFGC Courses

<http://www.gardenclub.org>

<http://ffgc.org>

Join a Garden Club!! National Garden Clubs and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs offer many courses in gardening, landscape and such all geared to the area you live in. Look at our Education section of this site or go to their web sites for more information.