



# News Release

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## Florida-Friendly Landscaping Series Start in July

Want to uncover the secrets to gardening the Florida-Friendly way in Pinellas County? Citizens can sign up and discover how to successfully garden at a *Florida-Friendly Landscaping Series*. Pinellas County Extension is offering a five-session series to put landscaping design and maintenance success right at everyone's fingertips.

The *Florida-Friendly Landscaping Series* begins Wednesday, July 8, and continues on the Wednesdays of July 15, July 22, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. Each class begins at 6 p.m. and finishes at 8:30 p.m. at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at 1101 Country Club Way S., in St. Petersburg.

The tuition is \$10 per class. Citizens can sign up for one or more of the classes. To register for classes, call Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at (727) 893-7326. Here's a snapshot of the information offered during each class.

- **Wednesday, July 8:** A *Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscape Design and Maintenance* class is scheduled. Learn the nine principles and see them in action with examples of Pinellas County yards. Explore ways to welcome wildlife into the garden, especially butterflies.
- **Wednesday, July 15:** How to best use water will be discussed at this *Water-Wise* class. Learn the basics of traditional irrigation sprinkler systems and if alternatives like micro-irrigation might benefit landscapes. Rain barrels will be available for purchase.
- **Wednesday, July 22:** A *Concepts of Landscape Design* class will be offered. Experienced landscape designers show how to design a landscape that is friendly to Florida's environment as well as aesthetically pleasing.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 5:** A *Landscape Design Clinic* is a follow-up to the *Concepts of Landscape Design* class but others who have already created a landscape design or want to learn more are welcome to attend too.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 12:** This *Landscape Maintenance* class offers a lot of information about pruning, using fertilizers and pesticides, mulch and the impact of drought.

Pinellas County Extension is a partnership between Pinellas County government and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences as part of a nationwide network of land grant universities. The mission of Pinellas County Extension is to provide research-based knowledge and education programs enabling people to make practical decisions to improve their quality of life and the world around them.

Pinellas County Extension programs are open to all persons regardless of gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, age, creed or disability. Persons with disabilities should contact the Extension Office at (727) 582-2100 at least 10 working days before the event so that proper consideration can be given to the request. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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