UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability delivers valuable programs and resources across core areas to help people, businesses, and neighborhoods in Sarasota County solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

**AGRICULTURE**
- Small- to large-scale commercial agriculture
- Urban and rural agriculture
- Community food systems
- Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises program
- Disaster readiness and recovery

**SUSTAINABILITY**
- Energy efficiency
- Solar technologies
- Electric vehicles
- Green building
- Green living
- Universal design, visitability
- Sustainable events
- Sustainable economic development
- County sustainability commitments
- County employee education

**NUTRITION / HEALTHY LIVING**
- Nutrition education
- Food budgeting
- Cooking classes/education
- Aging health and mobility
- Gardening experiences
- Healthy food exposure
- Financial tools education
- Storm readiness-awareness

**NATURAL RESOURCES**
- Water quality/conservation education
- Florida Master Naturalist Program
- Florida Microplastics Awareness Project
- Florida Waters Stewardship Program
- Backyard Landscaping for Wildlife Program
- STEM education and outreach
- Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- Recycling and waste reduction
- Composting education and awareness
- Mangrove, coastal conservation
- Integrated pest management education

**GARDENING / LANDSCAPING**
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ outreach
- Master Gardener volunteer program
  - Community and school gardens
  - Continuing education, licensing for lawn and landscape professionals
  - “Treejuvenation” urban/community forestry program
- Homeowner irrigation evaluations
- Homeowner association consultations
- Plant Clinic help desks
- Urban/landscape pest identification

Some of our programs:

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Helping clients is our most important role.

Educated 90,851 clients through classes, field visits, phone calls, emails, or other direct consultations

247 households provided with Energy Upgrade information and free upgrade kits, for total annual savings of $41,317

13 Plant Clinic help desks located across Sarasota County provided plant and pest information to 8,409 contacts

15,253 nutrition, healthy lifestyle, and gardening lessons/activities delivered to 3,976 students

5,315 area youth received education, experience and expertise through 4-H clubs, programs, camps and related activities

Connected with 415,278 through web visits, blog posts, and social media interactions

And our latest client survey* shows:

94% of clients were satisfied with their experience

89% benefited from their experience

77% who received information said it solved their issue

*Sarasota County Extension
305 volunteers

provided 23,270 hours of service, worth $591,754 in labor

SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION partners the resources of Sarasota County, the University of Florida, and the United States Department of Agriculture to provide a wealth of information through myriad opportunities, including:

- Classes, workshops and events
- Plant Clinic plant and pest advice
- Neighborhood consultations
- Free home irrigation evaluations
- Volunteer and citizen science programs
- Community/School garden expertise
- Newsletters and digital publications
- Speakers bureau
- Educational curricula and resources

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