Dear "Broward Green Bites" Readers,

We are excited to share the 2023 Spring Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) Broward Green Bites newsletter sharing our latest Broward County landscape recognition projects. The FFL program is an educational outreach program informing homeowners and professionals how they can be more environmentally friendly with their landscape care practices and how this can help protect Florida’s natural environment for future generations. Enjoy our spring edition.

Warm Regards,

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2023 Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Recognitions

Sign the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ pledge!
Signing the pledge signals your commitment to protecting Florida’s environment

Please indicate one or more behaviors you pledge to adopt within the next 6 months to make your home more Florida-Friendly.
Celebrating our Spring 2023 Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Recognitions

1. Stengel Lauderdale by the Sea located in the City of Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida
   - Flip My Florida Yard

2. MGV Susan Berry FFL Recognition located in the City of Hollywood, Florida
   - Estimated Water savings: 43,586 Gallons Annual Water

3. MGV Joanna D.’s Edible Landscape Recognition located in the Dania Beach, Florida
   - Estimated Water Savings: 188,589 Gallons Annual Water

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Project 1: Flip My Florida Yard TV Show-FFL Recognition

About the Show
Emmy® award-winning director Chad Crawford has teamed up with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to show how homeowners can create a landscape that is more in tune with Florida’s natural environment using drought-tolerant plants and water-saving techniques.

- Broward County property located in Lauderdale by the Sea was recognized as a Silver Florida-Friendly Landscape yard.
- Flip My Florida Yard TV Show-Season 3 (Potential reach 15-17 million viewers)

Ways to Watch Season 3!

- Thank you to UF Broward County Master Gardener Volunteers-Water Ambassadors
- Thank you to all our amazing Broward County volunteers

Working with Water Connects Us All-the Water Ambassador Program. – UF/IFAS Extension Broward County (ufl.edu)
Success Stories

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) Principles

- The new Flip My Florida-Friendly landscape was designed by landscape designer Andy Turner from Serenoa Landscape.

**VISIT:** https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/

**FFL Principle #1: Right Plant Right Place**

**FFL Principle #8: Reduce Stormwater Runoff**

- Use porous surfaces, such as pavers and bricks, for walkways, patios, and driveways.

Broward County Water Ambassador Team Planting Florida-Friendly Landscape Plants

Landscape Designer: Andy Turner

Flip My Yard-Home owners
Introducing Broward County Native Orchids Project During TV Show Flip My Florida Yard

- Broward County MGV team designing a living wall with native orchid installations.

Success Stories
2 Project 2: Susan Berry Landscape

Gold FFL Certification
Project Location: Hollywood, Florida

- Irrigation: Reduce irrigation frequency (Rainy Season)
- Recycles: Composting from her kitchen-to landscape
- Right Plant, Right place: Removed invasive plants

“Garden as though your life depended on it.”
-Susan Berry MGV Class 1996

FFL Principle #2: Water Efficiently
- In-ground irrigation - homeowner only uses it manually as needed
- Reduce irrigation frequency during the summer

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FFL Principle #5: Attract Wildlife

Broward County Water Ambassador Team (FFLCP)

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Why are Invasive Plants a Problem?

Invasive plants can drive out native Florida landscape plants and cause harm to the environment, economy, and/or human health. See Invasive Species to learn how to keep these unwelcome guests out of your garden.

VISIT: IFAS ASSESSMENT

Did You Know?

There are over 1,400 documented non-native species growing in both our terrestrial and aquatic habitats. They account for as much as 31% of the total number of plant species found in Florida.

ACTION:
Broward Water Ambassadors meet with MGV Susan Berry to remove Oyster Plants in her yard.

FFL Principle #1: Right Plant, Right Place

FFL YARD REMOVED THE FOLLOWING INVASIVE PLANTS:

- Snake Plant (Sansevieria trifasciata)
- Mexican petunia (Ruellia simplex)
- Pothos (Epipremnum pinnatum cv Aureum)
- Oyster plant (Tradescantia spathacea)
- Lantana plant (Lantana strigocamara)

RESOURCES

APPS AND PUBLICATIONS

Landscape plants should be appropriate for South Florida: FFL Pattern Book Zones 10a, 10b and 11

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Project 3: Edible Landscape MGV Joanne

Silver FFL Certification

Project Location: Dania Beach, Florida

5,484 sq ft for landscape.

- Irrigation: No in-ground Irrigation-only rainwater
- FFL Edible Landscape: Converted 50% front turfgrass to edible landscape beds
- Provide for Wildlife-Native pollinator/edible plants
- Recycle: Compost on site-reuse on the landscape

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FFL Principle #2: Water Efficiently

- No in-ground irrigation - is on a low-lying muck soil.
- Homeowner uses natural rainfall for all in-ground landscaping

FFL Principle #7: Recycle

- Compost

FFL Principle #5: Attract Wildlife

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I became interested in the concept of food forests while participating in a Permaculture course. Food scarcity is real in South Florida, but my biggest motivator was creating a sense of community around a garden. South Florida can be a very ungrounded, transient place; growing food and sharing within my community creates roots and forges bonds that wouldn’t otherwise exist. I love seeing the excitement when parents bring their children to try new fruits.” - Joanne D. MGV 2022

Project Location: Dania Beach, Florida  Landscape Area: 5,484 Square Feet.
Interested in having your urban yard Florida-Friendly Landscape™ recognized?

STEP 1:
WATCH OUR 3-MINUTE VIDEO
(Video created by UF Intern Sarah Marc)

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