Florida-Friendly Edible Landscaping

Produce vegetables, herbs, and fruits in an environmentally-friendly way by applying the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) principles. UF/IFAS Extension suggests these helpful tips for edible plants to conserve water and reduces pesticide and fertilizer use:

- **Match plants to site conditions** (wet/dry, sun/shade). Select fruit trees appropriate for your region (North, Central, South Florida).

- **Use drip or microirrigation** for vegetable gardens, fruit trees, plants in containers to water efficiently.

- **Fertilize** according to special requirements of your fruits and vegetables.

- **Select vegetables for planting** each season according to the planting calendar in the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide.

- **Compost yard and food waste** and regularly add finished compost to the garden.

- **Plant flowers** to attract beneficial insects to eat garden pests.

- **Mulch** to protect the soil, hand pull or cultivate weeds when they are small.

- **Check for pests** often, use hand control, use less toxic pesticides first, and practice crop rotation.

For more information on this topic check out the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021) and the Dooryard Fruit Varieties (edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg248)