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

**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

**NATURAL RESOURCES**
- Florida Master Naturalist Program
- Florida Microplastics Awareness Project
- Florida Waters Stewardship Program
- Backyard Landscaping for Wildlife Program
- STEM activities and lessons
- Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- Recycling and waste reduction
- Composting training and demonstration
- Water resource conservation, preservation
- Mangrove, coastal management
- Integrated pest management approaches

**4-H**
- Group activities, clubs and camps
- Tropicana Public Speaking Program
- Positive youth development
- Life skills
- STEM programs, training
- Career readiness
- Citizenship, Leadership
- Organizational/volunteer systems

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

Some of our programs:

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Helping clients is our most important role.

Educated 78,482 clients through classes, field visits, phone calls, emails, or other direct consultations

122 households provided with Energy Upgrade information and free upgrade kits, for total annual savings of $21,803

Individuals who received conservation and/or irrigation education saved a combined 356,400 gallons of water

Nutrition, healthy lifestyle, and gardening lessons and activities delivered to 15,152 students

Designed and delivered hands-on, field-based STEM training to 2,300 plus grade-8 students

Connected with 388,473 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

240 Extension and Sustainability volunteers provided 15,751 hours of service, worth $388,903 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
- Free home irrigation evaluations
- Master Gardener training
- Community/School garden expertise
- Newsletters and digital publications
- Educational curricula and resources
- Speakers bureau

* UF/IFAS Program Development & Evaluation Center, 2016 data