

Resource List

This list includes resources that may be helpful for further learning after completing the Neighborhoods Best Practices Program. You can use the buttons below to navigate to resources from a specific module. Click on the name of the resource to open the website.

**Coastal Systems:
Coastal Properties**

Fertilization

Irrigation

Landscaping

Preservation Areas

Protecting Our Waters

Shared Spaces

Tree Care Management

**Wildlife and Community
Interactions**

Coastal Systems: Coastal Properties

Coastal Dunes

- [Sarasota County - Coastal Dunes Regulations: Article XII. - Coastal Setback Code](#)
- [Dune restoration](#)

Erosion Control

- [Florida Living Shorelines](#)

Mangroves

- [Sarasota County: Article XXXV - MANGROVE TRIMMING AND PRESERVATION](#)
- [Guide to mangrove trimming and protection](#)
- [Guide to mangroves of Florida](#)

Coastal Creatures

- [Sarasota County - Marine Turtle Protection - Article XXIII](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission \(FWC\) beach lighting guidance](#)
- [Sea turtles](#)

Fertilization

Bay-Friendly and Florida-Friendly Fertilizing

- [Bay-Friendly Fertilizing Tool](#)
- [Sarasota County Fertilizer Management Page](#)
- [UF/IFAS Sarasota County Fertilizer Management Page for Professionals](#)
- [Sarasota County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Codes brochure](#)
- [Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Florida Fertilizer Ordinances Phone App](#)
- [UF/IFAS Fertilizer Resources Page](#)



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Irrigation

Efficiency

- [Estimated Water Savings Potential of Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Activities](#)
- [How Much Water Am I Using to Irrigate My Yard?](#)
- [Sprinkler tune-up!](#)
- [Setting Your Irrigation Controller](#)
- [Smart Irrigation Controllers: What Makes an Irrigation Controller Smart?](#)
- [A Guide to Micro-Irrigation for West-Central Florida Landscapes](#)

Landscaping

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™

- [Benefits of a Florida-Friendly community](#)
- [Resources to make your community Florida-Friendly](#)
- [Hiring a Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Certified Professional](#)
- [Selecting a landscape contractor and writing an effective landscaping contract](#)
- [Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program](#)
- [Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Landscape Recognition Service](#)
- [Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Phone Apps](#)
- [Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Publications & Resources](#)
- [Community Landscaping Success Stories](#)

Preservation Areas

Sarasota County Government Resources

- [Property Appraisers Website](#)
- [Plats & Condos](#)
- [Resource Management Plan](#)
- [Undesirable Vegetation Removal and Maintenance](#)
- [Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program](#)

Management

- [Integrated Management of Invasive Plants in Natural Areas of Florida](#)
- [Weeds and Invasive Plants](#)
- [UF/IFAS Invasive Species Programs](#)

Protecting Our Waters

Stormwater Ponds

- [Stormwater Pond Info](#)
- [Healthy Ponds Guide](#)
- [Database on Trait-Based Selection of Stormwater Pond Plants](#)
- [LAKEWATCH Informational Circulars](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District: Stormwater Ponds](#)
- [Florida-friendly plants for stormwater pond shorelines](#)



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Protecting Our Waters (cont'd)

Invasive Plants

- [UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants](#)
- [UF/IFAS Assessment of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas](#)
- [Florida Natural Areas Inventory](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission: Aquatic Plant Management](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District: Invasive Aquatic Plants](#)

Organizations

- [UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants](#)
- [UF/IFAS Pesticide Information Office](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#)

Shared Spaces

Composting

- [Stormwater Pond Info](#)
- [Healthy Ponds Guide](#)
- [Database on Trait-Based Selection of Stormwater Pond Plants](#)
- [LAKEWATCH Informational Circulars](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District: Stormwater Ponds](#)

Community Gardens

- [Stormwater Pond Info](#)
- [Healthy Ponds Guide](#)
- [Database on Trait-Based Selection of Stormwater Pond Plants](#)
- [LAKEWATCH Informational Circulars](#)
- [Southwest Florida Water Management District: Stormwater Ponds](#)

Tree and Palm Care Management

Maintenance

- [Health and Maintenance of Shade Trees](#)
- [Sidewalk and Hardscape Solutions](#)
- [Pruning Shade Trees](#)
- [Pruning Palms](#)
- [Drought](#)
- [Palm Fertilizers](#)
- [Mulching](#)

Storm Preparedness and Clean-Up

- [Developing a Tree Management Plan](#)
- [Storm Damage Prevention and Treatment](#)
- [Trees and Hurricanes](#)
- [Treating Damaged Trees & Palms](#)



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Organizations

- [Hiring an Arborist](#)
- [International Society of Arboriculture](#)

Wildlife and Community Interactions

Biodiversity

- [Center for Biological Diversity](#)
- [World Wildlife Fund: What is Biodiversity](#) and the [Living Planet Report](#)
- [FWC Wildlife Conservation and Imperiled Species webpage](#)
- [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\)](#)
- [Learn More About Planetary Health: How the Health of our Planet Affects Human Health](#)

Common Backyard Wildlife

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Backyard Wildlife webpage](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wildlife species profiles](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document "Landscaping Backyards for Wildlife: Top Ten Tips for Success"](#)
- How to Certify Your [Florida Backyard Landscapes for Wildlife](#)

Minimizing Wildlife Interactions

- [FWC "Living With Wildlife and Preventing Wildlife Conflicts"](#)
- [FWC "Removing Nuisance Wildlife"](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Florida Wildlife webpage](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document "Dealing With Unwanted Wildlife in an Urban Environment"](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Collection of Nuisance Wildlife Information](#)
- [Raccoons and Managing Raccoon Conflicts](#)

Alligators

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota Wild Sarasota Alligators Webinar](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: "Living With Alligators: A Florida Reality"](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: "Managing Conflicts With Wildlife: Living With Alligators"](#)
- [FWC "Living With Alligators and Crocodiles"](#)
- [FWC Nuisance Alligator Program](#)

Bats

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County: Wild Sarasota Webinar on Bats](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Topic Collection: Bats](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: Effective Bat Houses for Florida](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: Insect Pest Management Services Provided by Bats](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: Conservation of Bats in Florida](#)
- [FWC Bat Information: Resources on dealing with bats in buildings and other structures](#)
- [Florida Museum: Visit The World's Largest Collection of Occupied Bat Houses](#)
- [The Florida Bat Conservancy](#)
- [Bat Conservation International](#)



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Coyotes

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County: Wild Sarasota Webinar on Coyotes](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Document: "Wildlife of Florida Factsheet: Coyote"](#)
- [FWC Living With Coyotes, "How To Haze Coyotes" Video](#)

Deer and Rabbits

- [UF/IFAS Extension Gardening Solutions: Deer](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension Gardening Solutions: Rabbits](#)

Rodents

- [How to safely and effectively clean rodent contaminated areas and materials: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Topic Collection: Rodent Control](#)
- [General rat and mouse control methods: UF/IFAS Extension EDIS](#)
- [Methods for controlling roof rats in trees: UF/IFAS Extension EDIS](#)
- [How to install a barn owl box: UF/IFAS Extension Solutions](#)

Snakes

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County: Wild Sarasota Webinar on Snakes](#)
- [UF/IFAS Wildlife Johnson Lab: Snake Information and Identification](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS Topic Collection: Snakes](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS: "Dealing With Snakes In Florida's Residential Areas - Emergency Planning"](#)
- [Florida Museum: "Identify A Florida Snake"](#)
- [FWC "Burmese Pythons in Florida"](#)

Holes In Your Yard

- [Trapping Armadillos: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency \(video\)](#)
- [Lethal Trapping of Southeastern Pocket Gophers: UF/IFAS Panhandle Ag Extension \(video\)](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS: "How To Identify The Wildlife Species Responsible For Damage In Your Yard"](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS: "Moles"](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension EDIS: "The Nine-banded Armadillo"](#)
- [FWC Nuisance Wildlife Management Guidance](#)
- [USDA Feral Swine Information including "Feral Swine in America" Videos](#)
- [How to Build a Coral Trap for Wild Pigs](#)
- [Corral Trapping Wild Pigs: Texas A&M University Wildlife and Fisheries Extension \(video\)](#)
- [How To Report Violations of FWC Wildlife Regulations](#)
- [FWC Relocating Wildlife](#)
- [FWC Nuisance Wildlife Permit Requirements](#)



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Learn More and Opportunities for Further Impact

- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County: Florida Wildlife webpage](#)
- [UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County: Invasive Species webpage](#)
- [Florida Master Naturalist Program](#)
- [FWC Citizen Science Opportunities](#)
- [Citizen Science: Jay Watch \(Florida Scrub-jay monitoring\)](#)
- [Citizen Science: Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#) and [The Great Backyard Bird Count](#)
- [Citizen Science: Florida Horseshoe Crab Watch](#)
- [Citizen Science: Florida LakeWatch](#)
- [Citizen Science: Florida Microplastic Awareness Project](#)
- [Learning In Florida's Environment \(LIFE\) Youth Education Opportunities in Sarasota County](#)
- [Look For An Explore Your World Backpack Kit Near You! in Sarasota County](#)
- [Virtually Explore with the Sarasota County Natural Areas Story Map](#)

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