

**SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION**

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.

**4-H / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- Group activities, clubs and camps
- Public speaking and communication
- Positive youth development
- Life skills
- STEAM education
- Workforce development
- Citizenship, Leadership
- Volunteer training/development
- Experiential learning opportunities



**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

- Small- to large-scale commercial agriculture
- Urban and rural agriculture
- Community food systems
- Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program
- Disaster readiness and recovery
- “Beginning Farmer” incubator program
- Home-based food business education

**GARDENING / LANDSCAPING**

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ outreach
- Master Gardener volunteer program
- Community and school gardens
- Continuing education, licensing for lawn and landscape professionals
- Homeowner irrigation evaluations
- Homeowner association consultations
- Tree education and adoptions
- Plant Clinic help desks
- Urban/landscape pest identification



**NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Water quality/conservation education
  - Florida Master Naturalist Program
  - Florida Waters Stewardship Program
    - Wildlife awareness education
    - STEM education and outreach
- Sustainable fisheries / living shorelines
  - Mangrove, coastal conservation
  - Recycling and waste reduction
- Composting education and awareness
- Integrated pest management education

**NUTRITION / HEALTHY LIVING**

- Disaster preparedness/awareness
- Home-closing education
- Food preservation skills/knowledge
- Food safety awareness
- Aging health, nutrition and mobility
- Family Nutrition Program (FNP)
- Financial tools education (FNP)
- Nutrition exposure (FNP)
- Healthy lifestyles education



**SUSTAINABILITY**

- Sustainability and resilience planning
- County sustainability commitments
- Sustainable economic development
- Sustainable Communities Workshop
  - County employee education
    - Green living
    - Energy efficiency
    - Solar technologies
    - Electric vehicles
    - Green building

**Our programs include:**



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**Helping clients  
is our  
most important role.**

**45,134** clients educated through classes, field visits, phone calls, emails or other direct consultations

**2.3 million** connections through web visits, blog posts, and social media interactions

**\$41,413** estimated annual savings through delivery of energy-saving devices

**5,220** students received lessons and activities in nutrition, healthy living, and gardening topics

**AND**

**9,969** area youth received education, experience and expertise through 4-H clubs, programs and activities

**4.3 million** gallons of water saved through resource conservation education, home irrigation audits, and distribution of **214** rain barrels

**4,920 lbs.** of food waste diverted from landfills through 12 active home, school and other composting education/projects

**And our latest client survey shows:**

**91%**  
of clients  
satisfied

**99%**  
benefited from  
contact

**76%**  
used Extension  
information

**258**

Extension and Sustainability volunteers



provided **11,804** hours of service,  
worth **\$373,147** in labor

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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** »
- « **Sustainable lifestyle/community education** »
- « **Educational curricula and resources** »

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