

## Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Commercial/Institutional/Park Checklist

### Client Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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In order for a landscape to be recognized as Florida-Friendly, it must meet all of the required practices below. In addition to the required practices, the landscape must satisfy the specified number of practices from each of the three sections below.

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#### Required Practices: All of the following requirements must be met.

- Fertilizer is not applied when heavy rain is forecast in the next 24 hours.
- Fertilizer is applied to turfgrass and landscape beds at less than or equal to the UF/IFAS-recommended rate.
- Fertilizer is only applied when grass is actively growing.
- “Weed and Feed” products containing herbicide and fertilizer together are not used.
- If pesticides are used, only affected plants and turf areas are treated.
- Irrigation system is free from leaks and broken emitters.
- Irrigation emitters apply water in correct spray patterns, minimizing overspray on impervious surfaces.
- A functional rain shut-off device is installed in an operable location.
- The irrigation controller is set in compliance with water management district restrictions.

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#### Irrigation Practices: 4 of 5 practices must be met.

#### **If no irrigation system is installed, this section shall be skipped.**

- Turfgrass and landscape beds watered on separate irrigation zones.
  - Spray and rotor heads are installed on separate irrigation zones.
  - Irrigation emitters are located a minimum of 2 feet from structures.
  - Irrigation emitters rise above turfgrass height.
  - The irrigation system is calibrated to apply ½” – ¾” water per application to turfgrass.
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Landscape Installation Practices: 4 of 6 practices must be met.

- Landscape does not contain any plants found on the current UF/IFAS Assessment “Invasive-Not Recommended” list within 50 feet of any structure.
- Root balls are at least 2.5 feet on center from the foundation of structure.
- Plants are spaced for growth to maturity without the need for excessive pruning.
- Plant selections are compatible with site-specific growing conditions such as sunlight, soil type, and salinity.
- Plants are grouped by similar moisture requirements.
- Groundcovers are used to prevent erosion in any area that cannot support turf or landscape beds, including on steep slopes and in deep shade.

Landscape Maintenance Practices: 3 of 5 practices must be met.

- Grass clippings are left on the landscape after mowing.
- Volcano mulching is avoided.
- A 2”-3” layer of FFL recommended mulch is used.
- Turfgrass is mowed at the UF/IFAS-recommended height.
- A maintenance-free zone of at least 10 feet has been established around water bodies.

Recognition Achieved: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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