Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Commercial/Institutional/Park Checklist

Client Information:
Name: ___________________________________ Phone: _______________________
Address: __________________________________ City: ______________ Zip: ________
County: ___________ Email: ________________________________ Date: __________

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.

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.

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.
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___

Reviewer: Name __________________ Phone __________________
Email __________________

Reviewer Comments:

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