

## Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Residential Landscape

This award recognizes Florida-Friendly yards that adopt environmentally sound landscape, irrigation, and management practices that include Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles. The jury will consider the design, installation, and maintenance of the landscape based upon the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles.

Typical Entries Include: Single-family residential homes that have a mature or newly installed Florida-Friendly landscape. Nominees may self-submit or may be nominated by others.

Below is a suggested outline for the project narrative.

- **Summary** (10 points)
  - What was the motivation to make environmentally friendly changes to the landscape?
  - Please provide a detailed description of the planning and implementation of this project. Were consultants used to help with this process?
  - Discuss any challenges you faced in converting your landscape to a Florida-Friendly landscape.
  - Please provide photos of the front, back, and sides of your house. Please note that your submission will NOT be judged without photos.
  - Provide photos of your irrigation system.
  
- **Scope of Project** (80 total points)
  - Describe how this yard reflects the FFL principles. (see [nine principles attachment](#)).
  - Right Plant, Right Place – Provide a paragraph describing the use of Right Plant, Right Place and supporting pictures. (15 points)
  - Irrigation – Describe the type of irrigation you use. How much and how often do you water? Do you have a rain shut-off device? How much water do you think you've saved in gallons since you've installed your FFL yard? How has your water bill changed? How did you irrigate before you converted to a FFL landscape? How else has your watering behavior changed? (10 points)
  - Fertilizer – Describe how often and what type of fertilizer you use. Ex. organic/inorganic, slow release, etc. What are your fertilizing practices? How much fertilizer do you think you've saved in bags since you installed your FFL yard? How much money have you saved? Did you use fertilizer before your FFL yard? Do you still use it? How else have you changed your fertilizer behavior? (10 points)

- Mulch – What type of mulch do you use? How deep do you spread it? Please provide a photo. (5 points)
- Attract Wildlife – How do you attract wildlife in your yard? What type of wildlife do you attract? (10 points)
- Manage Yard Pests – How do you manage yard pests? Do you use Integrated Pest Management? What type of herbicide or pesticide do you use? How much pesticide do you think you've saved since you've installed your FFL yard? Have you changed any other pest management behaviors? (10 points)
- Recycle – Do you compost kitchen waste? Do you compost yard waste? Do you recycle your grass clippings on your lawn? What else do you do to recycle? (10 points)
- Stormwater Runoff – Describe what you do to reduce storm water runoff (Ex. permeable pavers, rain barrels, down spouts point toward yard, etc.) (10 points)
- **Outcome** (10 points)
  - Have you reduced the amount you irrigate since installing FFL? If so please estimate the number of gallons or the amount of money saved.
  - Have you reduced the amount of fertilizer that you use since installing FFL? If so please estimate the number of pounds or the amount of money saved.
  - Have you reduced the amount of pesticides used since installing FFL? If so please estimate the amount of money saved.

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