

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

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Landscaping™ PROGRAM

Produce vegetables, herbs, and fruits in an environmentally-friendly way by applying the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) principles. UF/IFAS Extension suggests these helpful tips for for edible plants to conserve water and reduces pesticide and fertilizer use:



- **Match plants to site conditions** (wet/dry, sun/shade). Select fruit trees appropriate for your region (North, Central, South Florida).
- **Use drip or microirrigation** for vegetable gardens, fruit trees, plants in containers to water efficiently.
- **Fertilize** according to special requirements of your fruits and vegetables.
- **Select vegetables for planting** each season according to the planting calendar in the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide.
- **Compost yard and food waste** and regularly add finished compost to the garden.
- **Plant flowers** to attract beneficial insects to eat garden pests.
- **Mulch** to protect the soil, hand pull or cultivate weeds when they are small.
- **Check for pests** often, use hand control, use less toxic pesticides first, and practice crop rotation.

For more information on this topic check out the [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide \(edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021\)](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021) and the [Dooryard Fruit Varieties \(edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg248\)](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg248)