

## **FACT SHEET: Residential Environmental Horticulture**

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### **WE CAN HELP!**

Hillsborough County is the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest, but 4<sup>th</sup> most populated county in Florida. Our **Environmental Horticulture** department reduces the adverse impacts of population growth and urban expansion through comprehensive education and resources about Florida-friendly landscaping practices that conserve water and energy, reduce storm water runoff pollution, and protect our natural resources.

Our Residential Environmental Horticulture program offers workshops on composting, micro-irrigation, rain barrels, and landscape design. pH soil tests are performed for a nominal fee. The Bette S. Walker Discovery Garden, located in the courtyard at the Extension office, is a “living lab” which illustrates the concepts of Florida-friendly landscaping. We also have a perennial/butterfly garden, native plantings, and compost and mulch demonstration areas for viewing. Master Gardener volunteers offer monthly presentations at public libraries throughout the county.

For information regarding Residential Environmental Horticulture and the Master Gardener Program contact Marina D’Abreau, Ed.D., 813-744-5519, Ext. 145, [mdabreau@ufl.edu](mailto:mdabreau@ufl.edu)

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For answers to home horticulture questions, the Master Gardener phone support is Ext. 7.  
For instructions on taking and submitting a soil sample, dial Ext. 6.

### **We provide Solutions for your Life.**

Whether you need informational assistance in environmental selection and placement of plant materials, attracting wildlife, becoming a Master Gardener volunteer, community association landscaping choices, composting or micro-irrigation, We Can Help! We have the answers through science-based, researched information. This information is easily accessible at our office in Seffner, located at 5339 County Road 579, (I-4 Exit 10, ¼ mile South), on-line at <http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu> or by calling 813-744-5519.