



HOMEOWNER RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE



Thank you for your interest in the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program. Your completion of this questionnaire will better enable us to help you create a beautiful, environmentally friendly, Florida Yard. Future educational programs will also be guided by your response. To fill out electornically, use the hand tool then print (can't save).

Name
Address
City
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For Office Use Only:
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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is the size of the property or lot that you maintain as lawn or landscape? Check the answer that best fits.

- About 1/8 acre (less than 7,500 Sq. Ft.)
About 1/4 acre (7,501 to 12,500 Sq. Ft.)
About 1/2 acre (12,501 to 30,000 Sq. Ft.)
About 1 acre (30,001 to 50,000 Sq. Ft.)
Over 1 acre (specify)

2. About what percent of your landscaped area is lawn (turfgrass)?

- 0% (no lawn)
Less than 25% 26 to 50%
51 to 75% 76 to 100%

SITE ANALYSIS, PLANTING, AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

3. Please indicate whether you use any of the following practices:

Plants are chosen based on site conditions (soil pH, soil drainage, sun, shade, salt, etc.).

Yes No Don't know

Plants are grouped into beds by water needs.

Yes No Don't know

Trees and shrubs are planted with the top of the root ball even with or slightly higher than the soil surface.

Yes No Don't know

Western and eastern walls of your home are shaded.

Yes No Don't know

Air conditioner and surrounding area are shaded without blocking air flow.

Yes No Don't know

Low-maintenance areas are included in the landscape

(natural areas, ground covers and mulch areas).
Yes No Don't know

STORMWATER RUNOFF

4. Please indicate whether you use any of the following practices to keep stormwater on site.

Downspouts drain onto the lawn, landscape beds, or containment areas where rain can soak into the soil.
Yes No Don't know

Mulch, bricks, gravel or other porous surface are used on walkways, patios and driveways.
Yes No Don't know

A rain barrel or cistern collects rainwater for irrigating plants.
Yes No Don't know

Low areas in the landscape catch and filter stormwater.
Yes No Don't know

IRRIGATION

5. How are your lawn and landscape beds watered? Check all that apply:

- Lawn Beds
Rainfall only.
Permanent sprinkler system.
Drip, trickle, micro-sprayers, soaker hoses or other low volume system.
Garden hose and sprinkler or hand-held nozzle.

6. Please indicate whether you use any of the following irrigation practices.

Plant beds are watered separately from lawn.
Yes No Don't know

1/2 to 3/4 inch of water is applied per irrigation.
Yes No Don't know

Adjust watering according to rainfall and season.
Yes No Don't know

FERTILIZATION

7. Fertilizer is applied in your lawn or landscape by:

- No one (fertilizer is never applied; go to #9).
 You or a member of the household.
 A lawn service or commercial maintenance company.

8. Please indicate whether you or your lawn care service use any of the following practices:

Fertilizers with slow release components are used.
 Yes No Don't know

Fertilizer is applied at rates of 1 pound or less of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet.

Yes No Don't know

Iron sulfate is used on lawns instead of fertilizer in summer.

Yes No Don't know

PEST MANAGEMENT

9. Pests are controlled in the lawn or landscape by:

- No one controls pests (go to Question #11).
 You or a member of the household.
 A lawn service or commercial maintenance company.

10. Please indicate whether you or your lawn care service use any of the following practices.

The lawn and/or landscape plants are routinely checked for pest problems. Yes No Don't know

Pesticides are applied only when a pest problem is confirmed. Yes No Don't know

Only infested plant(s) or lawn area(s) are spot-treated.
 Yes No Don't know

Avoid practices which encourage pests (i.e. mowing too low, excessive watering or fertilizing, improper pruning).
 Yes No Don't know

If a pesticide is needed, the product (i.e. soaps, oils, etc.) with the least harmful impact on the environment is chosen.

Yes No Don't know

MOWING, MULCHING & RECYCLING

11. Does a lawn care service or maintenance company mow your lawn and/or care for your landscape?

All the time Sometimes Never

12. What type(s) of lawn grass do you have?

Dwarf St. Augustine Centipede Bahia
 St. Augustine Bermuda Zoysia
 Don't know Other:

13. At what height do you or your lawn care service mow the lawn?

Under 1 2 inches 1 2 - < 2 inches
 2 - 3 inches Over 3 inches Don't know

14. Please indicate whether you or your lawn care service use any of the following practices.

Mulch is applied 2 to 3 inches deep in beds around trees and shrubs. Yes No Don't know

Yard trimmings, leaves, pruning clippings, grass clippings, etc. are used on site. Yes No Don't know

Alternatives such as eucalyptus, melaleuca, or recycled mulches are used. Yes No Don't know

Grass clippings are left on lawn.
 Yes No Don't know

WILDLIFE

15. Please indicate whether you use any of the following practices.

Use plants in landscape which provide food for wildlife.
 Yes No Don't know

Use plants in landscape which provide cover or nesting sites for birds. Yes No Don't know

Provide sources of water for wildlife.
 Yes No Don't know

ON THE WATERFRONT

16. Do you live on the water?

Yes No (If ANo@ stop here. Thanks!)

17. Please indicate whether you use any of the following practices.

A border of low maintenance plants has been established or retained between my lawn and the shoreline/seawall.
 Yes No Don't know

A no-fertilizer, no-pesticide zone 10 to 30 feet wide exists all along the shoreline/seawall.
 Yes No Don't know

Native vegetation (i.e. mangroves, pickerel weed, etc.)
has been planted or retained in front of the
shoreline/seawall.

Yes No Don't know

Clean rock or rip-rap has been placed in front of my
shore-line/seawall. Yes No Don't
know

*Please contact us if we can provide you
with more information.*

THANK YOU!