

About us:

From energy conservation to raising better tomatoes or livestock to helping youngsters develop self-esteem, the University of Florida/IFAS Volusia County Extension offers a wealth of practical information for today's families.

Through a partnership between Volusia County, the University of Florida and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Extension office can provide assistance with such community issues as water conservation, environmental protection, family health and nutrition, youth development, and economic stability for Volusia's commercial agricultural enterprises.

Extension is an off-campus educational branch of the University of Florida. The Extension agents, who serve as the County's "educators", reach more than two million people through presentations, telephone calls, e-mails, lab diagnoses, pamphlets, and other outreach programs.

This "real life" learning approach was established in 1914 by the federal Smith-Lever Act, and is one of the world's largest informal education and developmental organizations.

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<http://volusia.org/extension>

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<http://solutionsforyourlife.com>

for other helpful information, or stop by the office at 3100 East New York Avenue (S.R. 44), DeLand, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Solutions For Your Life



Mission statement:

Florida Extension partners with communities to provide quality, relevant education, and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, environments, and economies.



Services offered by Volusia County Extension:

Natural Resources

Are you interested in learning more about our natural environment? Why soils are important? Do I have a sink-hole? Are aquatic plants good for my pond? How do I conserve water around my home? Do you have termites, fleas, or ticks? Are you interested in the Master Naturalist program? You have questions; we have the answers. Give us a call, attend a class, or just make an appointment and stop by. We will be happy to provide research-based answers to these and many other questions.



Family and Consumer Sciences

Strengthening families through education and family-focused informal educational programs, families become able to make knowledge-based decisions. Programs available include home maintenance, nutrition education, food safety, saving energy, healthy lifestyles, stress reduction, successful budgeting, and credit management.

Agriculture

Learn more about the benefits of “Fire-Wise Communities” and how to manage wildlife or farm life. From cows to sows, pastures to plows, we have the answers. Whether you have a small farm or a booming agri-business, we can answer your commercial agricultural questions.



Commercial Horticulture

Do you dream of growing sweet, golden citrus, beautiful cut greens, landscape plants, or sod? Perhaps you want to grow vegetables, herbs, or beautiful native wildflowers, and sell the seed. Whether you are a beginner or an established farmer, Commercial Horticulture can help you meet the growing demand for these crops and more.

4-H

(Head, Heart, Health, Hands)

If you would like your child to develop leadership abilities, participate in citizenship activities and learn valuable life skills, all while having fun with other youth in a community club; attending summer camp, special events and workshops; or enrolling in our numerous project offerings, such as: horsemanship, dogs, livestock, gardening, public speaking, archery, wildlife, sewing, photography, or even model rocketry - 4-H is the answer! Youth between the ages of five to 18 can join 4-H and take part in a variety of educational opportunities. 4-H is committed to “Making the Best Better.”



Residential/ Urban Horticulture



Do you have a diseased, or nutritionally deficient plant? Are you suffering from a garden glitch? Agents and volunteers are happy to help you with your gardening concerns.