

Loving your Landscape

Part 1: Why our Landscaping Matters



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Main Ideas

- Residential landscapes are used for recreation, as an extra living space, and serve as a source of sustainability.
- Well-landscaped homes improve property value, reduce energy costs, prevent soil erosion, and allow water to percolate back into the ground.
- Irrigation water and stormwater runoff can drain into streams, rivers, lakes, bays, and oceans, polluting bodies of water with fertilizers and other contaminants.
- Some landscape developers are actively working towards creating sustainable landscapes through conserving natural landscapes and implementing best management practices.
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping is a program focused on educating Floridians on how to create low-maintenance and water-efficient landscapes with native plants.

Discussion Questions

1. How are residential landscapes used?
2. What are the benefits of using low-impact landscaping techniques?
3. What is the significance of water use in landscaping?
4. How can water use be reduced while maintaining a landscape?
5. How can you improve your own residential landscape?

Other Resources

clue.ifas.ufl.edu
gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener
gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu
ffl.ifas.ufl.edu
ruralengagement.org/lessons-from-covid-19-factsheets
piecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/turfgrass-2016.pdf

Tips from the Speaker

1. Choose the right plant for the right place.
2. Consult with local experts or online resources before planning out your landscape.

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