

Florida Friendly Landscaping Demonstration Garden

On Tuesday, November 27, 2007, Lake Eola Charter School Students, Orange County Master Gardeners, and Florida Native Plant Society Members assisted Orange County Environmental Protection Division to install an Environmentally Friendly Demonstration Garden at 201 South Rosalind Avenue, Orlando (OC Administration Building).

The garden features many native plant species suitable for home and business landscapes. Native plants are a Florida Friendly choice, since they require little to no fertilization or pest control and provide wildlife habitat.



Water use will be reduced by the elimination of unnecessary irrigation. This is accomplished in part due to the drought tolerant plant material selected. The plants, predominately Florida natives as well as some non-native, noninvasive species, will be able to survive on regular rainfall once established.

Low impact drip irrigation will be used to establish the plantings and supplement water needs in extreme drought conditions, ensuring plant survival and aesthetics of the garden.

The garden features an environmentally friendly pervious pathway using a new product called [Flexi-PAVE](#), consisting of recycled tires. The innovative pavement reduces stormwater runoff and provides recharge percolation for groundwater resources.



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