

Orange County Florida Friendly Landscaping Demonstration Garden

On Earth Day 2008, Mayor Richard T. Crotty and the Board of County Commissioners recognized the Florida Friendly Landscaping Demonstration Garden installed at the Administration Building on the corner of Jackson Street and South Rosalind Avenue in downtown Orlando. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor Crotty thanked Lake Eola Charter School students, Watershed Action Volunteers, Orange County Master Gardeners and Florida Native Plant Society Tarflower Chapter members who volunteered to assist staff plant the garden, bringing a spirit of community to the project.



Just as Earth Day encourages us to nurture nature, the garden provides inspiration to add beauty to our landscapes in a way that conserves water and energy, prevents pollution, preserves Florida's native plants, and provides wildlife habitat, demonstrating a more practical and beneficial way to landscape.



The garden includes:

- a variety of drought-tolerant native and non-invasive cultivated plants to provide a colorful Florida landscape
- plant choices that require minimal water, little fertilizer, and no pesticides
- a pervious walkway, consisting of recycled tires, which allows for groundwater recharge and reduces stormwater runoff
- low-impact drip irrigation, used to establish the plantings, that will provide supplemental water during extreme drought conditions

As our community faces climate change and future water shortages, we all need to find ways to reduce fuel and water consumption.



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For more information on the garden contact the Environmental Protection Division at



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For more information on Florida Friendly Landscaping visit www.floridayards.org or contact the [Orange County Cooperative Extension](#) 6021 South Conway Road, Orlando, (407) 254-9200.