

Thank you for your interest in the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program. Your completion of this survey will enable us to help you create a beautiful, environmentally friendly, Florida Yard. Future development of educational programs may be guided by your responses. If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program Coordinator at the Leon County Cooperative Extension Service, 615 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-7099, 850/487-3004.

Date _____ **I voluntarily agree to participate in this survey.**

Neighborhood/Subdivision Name

Name

Address

City _____ Zip

Phone _____ E-mail

Tax Parcel ID Number

County	For Office Use Only:
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Number	
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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%

FERTILIZER

3. I apply fertilizers on my lawn (including organic types).

- a. Three or more times a year
 b. Once or twice a year
 c. Seldom or never (if never, go directly to question #8)

4. I use lawn fertilizers (includes manures, compost, etc.) with:

- a. 30%-50% (or more) of the nitrogen in slow-release form
 b. Less than 30% of the nitrogen in slow-release form
 c. Don't know how much of the nitrogen is in slow-release form

5. How many bags of lawn fertilizer do you apply at one time?

6. How many pounds does each bag weigh?

(20#, 25#, 30#, 40# or 50#)

7. What lawn fertilizer analysis do you usually use (for example 8-8-8, 16-4-8, or 22-3-3)?

[7i. For office use only -- fertilizer application rate for the lawn _____.]

PEST MANAGEMENT

8. I apply pesticides (includes insecticides, fungicides, weedkillers, and weed-and-feed fertilizers) in my lawn or landscape:

- a. Only once or twice a year
 b. Three or more times a year
 c. Only when a pest problem is confirmed
 d. Never (if never, go directly to #11)

9. If insecticides are applied to my lawn:

- a. The whole lawn is treated
 b. The infested area and a small buffer area are treated
 c. No insecticides are ever used

10. The group of insecticides that most closely represents those used on my shrubs or trees is:

- a. Diazinon, Malathion, Sevin
 b. Soap, oil, Bacillus thuringiensis
 c. Ortho, Spectracide, Security
 d. I don't ever use insecticides on my shrubs or trees

MULCHING

11. I use mulch in my landscape:

- a. In landscape beds
- b. In landscape beds and on bare areas
- c. I don't use mulch

STORMWATER RUNOFF

12. The surfacing on my driveway, walkways, and/or patio is generally:

- a. Porous materials (for example, brick without mortar, gravel, mulch, or grass)
- b. Non-porous materials (for example, concrete, asphalt, or mortared brick)
- c. A combination of porous and non-porous materials

13. On bare or thinly vegetated areas in an established landscape, I:

- a. Mulch and/or plant with ground covers (for example, ferns, mondo grass, or Asiatic jasmine)
- b. Rake up or mow leaves and pine needles and leave bare soil clean and neat
- c. Plant lawn grasses

14. During a rain, the water from my roof flows:

- a. Onto planting beds or lawn before reaching the street, storm drain, drainage ditch, creek, pond, lake or bay
- b. Onto paved surfaces before reaching the street, storm drain, drainage ditch, creek, pond, lake or bay
- c. Into a low area or bermed area and does not quickly drain off

IRRIGATION

15. After establishment, I water my lawn and landscape plants during the growing season:

- a. Once or twice a week
- b. Three or more times a week
- c. Only when they begin to wilt
- d. Never (if never, skip to #17)

16. When watering lawn and landscape plants, I water each area:

- a. To apply 1 inch or more per application
- b. For a specific amount of time
- c. To apply 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water per application

MOWING

17. My lawn grass is predominantly:

- a. Centipede or zoysia
- b. St. Augustine or bahia
- c. Bermuda
- d. Combination

18. I mow my lawn to a height:

- a. 1 inch or less
- b. 1 1/2 to 2 inches
- c. 2 1/2 inches or more

RECYCLING/YARD TRASH

19. When leaves and/or pine needles drop from trees in my landscape, I:

- a. Create self mulching beds by letting them remain where they fall
- b. Remove them to use as mulch in planting beds or placed in a compost pile
- c. Remove them from my property

20. After mowing my lawn, grass clippings:

- a. Are left on the lawn
- b. Are collected and used as mulch or placed in a compost pile
- c. Are removed from my property

21. Dead trees, shrub prunings and /or fallen tree branches:

- a. Are removed from my property
- b. Are placed in a wildlife brush pile, used as mulch, and/or used as firewood

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

22. I arrange plants in my landscape:

- a. As individual specimens within the lawn
- b. As trees and shrubs clustered in mulched beds

23. I maintain lawn grass:

- a. Anywhere it will grow
- b. Only in areas where it is necessary for pets, play areas and/or views from the road to the house

WILDLIFE

24. I provide food for wildlife in my yard in the following ways (circle all that apply):

- a. Bird feeder (seed and/or suet)
- b. Trees and shrubs that provide fruit or nuts
- c. Hummingbird feeders
- d. Larval food plants for butterflies
- e. Nectar plants for adult butterflies and hummingbirds
- f. Wildflowers and bunch grasses that provide seeds and insects

[24i. For office use only -- wildlife food practices _____.]

25. In my yard I regularly provide water for wildlife:

- a. In only one way, such as a birdbath, mister, irrigation system on timer, water garden, pond or lake
- b. In two or more ways, such as a birdbath, mister, irrigation system on timer, water garden, pond or lake
- c. I do not regularly provide water for wildlife

26. I provide wildlife cover in my yard in the form of (circle all that apply)

- a. Birdhouses
- b. Standing dead trees (snags)
- c. A variety of vertical layers in my planting beds or natural areas (trees, shrubs, vines and groundcovers)
- d. Containers or pipes for tree frogs
- e. Brushpiles or rockpiles
- f. Hedges

[26i. For office use only -- wildlife cover practices _____]

INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS

27. I have purposely attempted to control or remove Chinese tallow from my yard:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I haven't had it in my yard
- d. I don't know what it looks like

28. I have purposely attempted to control or remove coral ardisia from my yard:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I haven't had it in my yard
- d. I don't know what it looks like

29. I have purposely attempted to control or remove Chinese privet from my yard:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I haven't had it in my yard
- d. I don't know what it looks like

SHORELINE PROTECTION

30. If you live on water body such as lake, pond, stream, river, or bay do you maintain:

- a. A manicured lawn down to the water's edge?
- b. A zone of native vegetation at least 10 feet wide along the water's edge?
- c. A rough, unmanicured strip of lawn at least 10 feet wide along the water's edge, which receives no application of fertilizer or pesticide?
- d. I don't live on a water body

PHYSIOGRAPHY

[31i. For office use only -- parcel size in acreage (determined by computer)]

[32i. For office use only -- acreage of impervious surface (determined by computer)]

[33i. For office use only -- acreage of pervious surface (determined by computer)]

[34i. For office use only -- ratio of pervious to impervious surface]

[35i. For office use only -- soil surface texture (from coverages)]

[36i. For office use only -- slope class (from coverages)]

Please contact your FYN Coordinator to provide you with more information.

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THANK YOU!

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