



Building Better Neighborhoods Through Home Gardening and Florida Friendly Landscaping

Gardening can be both a hobby and a healthy, rewarding way of life. In this this four-week virtual conference series, you'll learn secrets from local professionals for growing your own vegetables, fruit, and flowers, and for making your grass and landscaping thrive sustainably.

Dates – The first Tuesday of every week in February, from 7:00 pm to 8 p.m.

February 2nd: *Here we grow:* Whether you grow food or flowers, science can help. Learn how to prepare the soil, water environmentally, use appropriate fertilizer and compost.

February 9th: *What nobody ever told you about the birds and the bees:* In this session, we will hear from local native plant and ecosystem experts on how you can attract and support pollinators.

February 16th: *Where does your garden grow?* Whether you live in a private home or an apartment, there's a gardening option to fit everyone, including patio gardens, community gardens, food forests, school gardens, rain gardens.

February 23rd: *An introduction to Florida-Friendly Landscaping.* The session will discuss how to select the right plants so that you can protect our precious resources, save money and have an attractive, low maintenance yard. Lead by Doris Heitzman, Florida Friendly Landscaping™ Program Manager at UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension.

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