

SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION

delivers valuable programs and resources across core areas to help people, businesses, and neighborhoods in Sarasota County solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

4-H / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Group activities, clubs and camps
- Florida 4-H public speaking
- Positive youth development
- Life skills
- STEAM education
- Career readiness
- Citizenship, Leadership
- Volunteer training/development
- Experiential learning opportunities



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- Small- to large-scale commercial agriculture
- Urban and rural agriculture
- Community food systems
- Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Program
- Disaster readiness and recovery
- “Beginning Farmer” incubator program
- Home-based food business education

GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ outreach
- Master Gardener volunteer program
- Community and school gardens
- Continuing education, licensing for lawn and landscape professionals
- Homeowner irrigation evaluations
- Homeowner association consultations
- Tree education and adoptions
- Plant Clinic help desks
- Urban/landscape pest identification



NATURAL RESOURCES

- Water quality/conservation education
 - Florida Master Naturalist Program
 - Florida Waters Stewardship Program
 - Wildlife awareness education
 - STEM education and outreach
- Sustainable fisheries / living shorelines
 - Mangrove, coastal conservation
 - Recycling and waste reduction
- Composting education and awareness
- Integrated pest management education

NUTRITION / HEALTHY LIVING

- Disaster preparedness/awareness
- Home-closing education
- Food preservation skills/knowledge
- Food safety awareness
- Nutrition/aging health and mobility
- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) food budgeting
- Financial tools education (FNP)
- Nutrition exposure (FNP)
- Healthy lifestyles education



SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainability and resilience planning
- County sustainability commitments
- Sustainable economic development
- Sustainable communities workshop
 - County employee education
 - Green living
 - Energy efficiency
 - Solar technologies
 - Electric vehicles
 - Green building

Our programs include:



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**Helping clients
is our
most important role.**

43,972 clients educated through classes, field visits, phone calls, emails or other direct consultations

1.7 million connections through web visits, blog posts, and social media interactions

\$38,900 estimated annual savings through delivery of energy-saving devices

6,940 students received lessons and activities in nutrition, healthy living, and gardening topics

AND

9,496 area youth received education, experience and expertise through 4-H clubs, programs and activities

3 million gallons of water saved through resource conservation education, home irrigation audits, and distribution of **293** rain barrels

5,000 lbs. of food waste diverted from landfills through 14 active home, school and other composting education/projects

And our latest client survey* shows:

99%
of clients satisfied

95%
benefited from contact

99%
used Extension information

* UF/IFAS Program Development and Evaluation Center, 2021 data

268

Extension and Sustainability volunteers



provided **12,879** hours of service, worth **\$378,771** in labor

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partners the resources of Sarasota County, the University of Florida, and the United States Department of Agriculture to provide a wealth of information through myriad opportunities, including:

- « **Classes, workshops and events** »
- « **Plant Clinic plant and pest advice** »
- « **Neighborhood consultations** »
- « **Free home irrigation evaluations** »
- « **Volunteer and citizen science programs** »
- « **Community/School garden expertise** »
- « **Newsletters and digital publications** »
- « **Speakers bureau** »
- « **Sustainable lifestyle/community education** »
- « **Educational curricula and resources** »

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