

## HOMEOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE



Thank you for your interest in the **Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program**. Your confidential answers to the questions below will help us to help you create a beautiful, Florida Friendly Yard. They will also help us determine local educational needs!



If you have any questions about this survey or our programs, please call **863-763-6469**.

1. How large is your lawn or landscaped area?  Under 1 acre  Over 1 acre
2. About what percent of your landscaped area is lawn?  Less than 25%  50%  75%  76 to 100%
3. Plants are grouped into beds by water requirements.  Yes  No  don't know
4. Low-maintenance areas are included in the yard (natural areas, ground covers, mulch)  Yes  No
5. Downspouts drain onto the lawn, landscape beds, where rain can soak into the soil.  Yes  No
6. The low areas in the landscape catch and hold storm water.  Yes  No  don't know
7. How are your lawn and landscape beds watered? Check **all** that apply:

Lawn Beds

- |                          |                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rainfall only                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Permanent sprinkler system      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drip or other low volume system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Garden hose                     |

8. Plant beds are watered separately from lawn.  Yes  No  Don't know
9. 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water is applied to the lawn per irrigation.  Yes  No  Don't know
10. Watering is adjusted according to rainfall and season.  Yes  No  Don't know
11. Who applies Fertilizer to your lawn?  
 No one – no fertilizer is used.  
 You or a member of the household  
 A lawn service or commercial landscaping company

**If you answered: No one – no fertilizer is used, skip the next three questions, and go to question 15**

12. Slow-release fertilizers are used.  Yes  No  Don't know
13. Fertilizer is applied @ rates of 1 pound or less of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq.ft.  Yes  No  unsure
14. Iron sulfate is used on lawns instead of fertilizer in summer.  Yes  No  unsure
15. Lawn and/or landscape plants are occasionally checked for problems.  Yes  No
16. Pesticides are used only when a pest problem is confirmed.  Yes  No  Don't know
17. Only infested plant(s) or lawn area(s) are spot-treated.  Yes  No  Don't know
18. If pesticide is needed the least harmful product is used.  Yes  No
19. How high do you or your lawn care service mow the lawn?  
 Under 1 1/2 inches  1 1/2 - 2 inches  2 - 3 inches  Over 3 inches



20. Mulch is applied 2 to 3 inches deep in beds around trees and shrubs  Yes  No
21. Yard trimmings, grass clippings, etc. are recycled in your yard.  Yes  No
22. Grass clippings are left on the lawn  Yes  No  Don't know
23. There are plants in the landscape which provide food for wildlife.  Yes  No
24. There are plants in the landscape which provide cover or nesting sites for wildlife.  Yes  No
25. Is there a source of water for wildlife?  Yes  No

**Complete the next two questions only if you live next to the water**

26. Is there a border of low maintenance plants between existing lawn and shore/seawall?  Yes  No
27. Do you maintain a pesticide/fertilizer free zone 10 to 30 feet wide along the shoreline/seawall?  Yes  No

**Optional: Give us your name and number, and be entered into a drawing for a prize. Write any additional comments or questions on the bottom of this survey.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about Florida Friendly Yards  Yes  No.

I would like to: (check as many as you like)  come to an *evening* seminar,  come to a *daytime* seminar,  
 receive a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods newsletter,  receive a booklet about this program,  
 read more about this subject on a website,  come to the County Extension office for a personal consultation,  
 receive consultation at my home about how I can make my Yard more friendly to Florida's environment.  
 please check here if you would like a copy of the survey results



**Please return your survey in enclosed postage-paid envelope by May 25, 2007.**

*Thank you for your time!*



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