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County offers classes on new fertilizer rules to homeowners

When it comes to healthy looking lawns and gardens most people apply fertilizer.

New rules adopted by the Sarasota County Commission for private homeowners that apply fertilizer are now in effect and advise that homeowners utilize the fertilizer recommendations of the University of Florida IFAS *Florida Yards and Neighborhoods* program. Classes about the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program, hosted by UF/Sarasota County Extension will be held;

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 at North Port Library, 13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port,
10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at Venice Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice,
2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota
2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 at Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota

These programs are free and no registration is needed. A more in-depth program consisting of five weekly sessions called "Step by Step Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Training" will start Oct. 30. Information regarding the class schedule, registration and cost can be found on the UF/Sarasota County Extension Web site, <http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu>.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Florida Yards & neighborhoods Program.