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University of Florida/IFAS Lee County Extension share “Florida Friendly” yard methods

Bonita Springs, FL, Nov. 18, 2015 — The University of Florida/IFAS Lee County Extension in collaboration with the City of Bonita Springs will offer a free Florida Yards & Neighborhoods introductory class.

The class is being held from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 17, at Bonita Springs City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs. The class is free; no pre-registration is necessary.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program teaches homeowners about “Florida Friendly” gardening. This method is a sustainable way to have a beautiful yard while being kind to the South Florida environment. The class covers such topics as “What does it mean to be “Florida Friendly” and “What’s so special about native plants?” The class teaches the nine principles of creating and maintaining a “Florida Friendly Yard.” Following these principles will help to create and maintain a quality landscape while reducing the use of fertilizers and pesticides, conserving water supplies and increasing native habitats. The class will be taught by Master Gardeners Vanessa Hazelton, Kathy White and Mary Ann Parson.

For more information call Lee County Extension at 239-533-7513 or email brownsh@leegov.com.

Lee County Extension agents offer educational services through a three-way cooperative arrangement between the Board of County Commissioners, the University of Florida and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Local extension agents are off-campus faculty members of the University of Florida.

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Note to media: Images available upon request. Contact Kristie Valone at Lee County Parks & Recreation, 239-533-7437 or kvalone@leegov.com.