



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County's Community Gardens Program facilitates the creation and management of community gardens in Sarasota County to support community development and sustainable local agriculture. Community gardens provide many benefits to gardeners and the community, including:

- Supporting urban agriculture
- Promoting a sense of community
- Reducing food costs
- Improving health and nutrition
- Enhancing recreational opportunities

### Getting into Gardens

Community gardens are popular places, with members eager to welcome friends, neighbors and others interested in not only growing produce but in learning about gardening and sharing their gardening experiences. Learn more about how you can join this community of growers, or start a garden in your area, by visiting [our information page](#), calling 941-861-9900 or emailing [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu).

If you are already a program member, you can save your time and resources by skipping the classroom orientation session and instead viewing the information in our new [video series](#). Please note that link will take you to an event page where you'll need to register, which will allow us to note that you have completed orientation.

For gardeners in our programs and those just working the soil on their own, we're preparing videos on a variety of topics. Our first video focuses on methods for "[Putting Your Garden to Bed](#)" for the season, and how that will help keep weeds at bay. Check this site regularly for new videos.

### A Community of Gardens

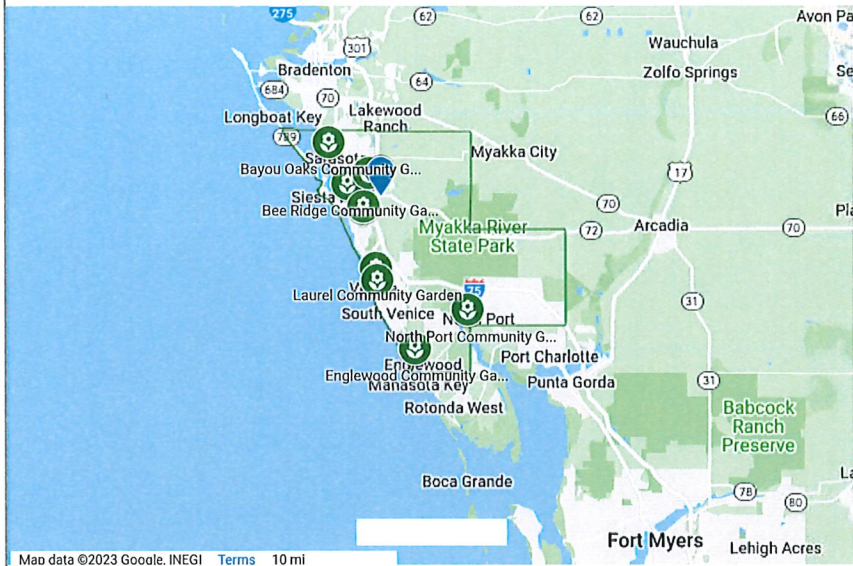
View editions of our "A Community of Gardens" newsletter, with content for those helping to grow gardens and communities.

- 01/01/2018 - [Community Gardens newsletter \(January through March\)](#)
- 10/01/2017 - [Community Gardens newsletter \(October to December\)](#)
- 06/28/2017 - [Community Gardens newsletter \(July to September\) – including membership renewal information](#)
- 03/22/2017 - [Community Gardens newsletter for Feb-Apr quarter](#)
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- 10/07/2016 - [Community Gardens newsletter for Aug-Oct quarter](#)
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### **Bayou Oaks**

3530 Old Bradenton Road  
Sarasota 34234

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### **Bee Ridge**

4430 S Lockwood Ridge Road  
Sarasota 34231

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### **Culverhouse**

McIntosh Road  
Sarasota 34238

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### **Englewood**

1390 Old Englewood Road  
Englewood 34223

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### **Laurel**

509 Collins Road  
Sarasota 34275

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### **Nokomis**

234 Nippino Trail  
Sarasota 34275

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### **North Port**

Durango Ave. / San Jose St.  
North Port 34287

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## Grant Programs

Please check individual grant program sites for details regarding funding availability and grant deadlines.

- [Sarasota County Neighborhood Grants](#)
- [American Community Gardening Association](#)
- [Fiskars Project-Orange-Thumb](#)

## Resources

- [Community Gardens Program Handbook](#)
- [Community Gardens Membership Agreement - SAMPLE](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunity Description](#)
- [Garden Manager Volunteer Opportunity Description](#)
- [Governance Procedures](#)
- [Garden Walk-through Checklist](#)
- [Community Gardens Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) Plan](#)
- [Hurricane Preparedness Checklist](#)
- [Grievance Form](#)

## Vegetable Gardening

- [Florida Vegetable Gardening Basics](#)
- [Solutions for Your Life: Vegetable Gardening](#)
- [Additional Vegetable Gardening Information](#)

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## IPM and Organic Gardening

- [Community Garden Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) Plan](#)
- [Organic Gardening and IPM Wallet Card](#)
- [Natural Enemies and Biological Control](#)
- [Additional Vegetable Gardening Information](#)

## Soil and Plant Testing

- [Landscape & Vegetable Garden Test Information Sheet](#)
- [Soil and Tissue Testing and Interpretation for Florida Turfgrasses Fact Sheet](#)
- [Plant Disease Diagnosis Form](#)
- [Plant Tissue Test Information Sheet](#)

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