

**Alachua County Chapter 77 Water Quality Standards and Management
Practices Article VII Homeowner Association Florida Friendly
Landscaping Design Standards**

Sec. 77.67. Intent and Purpose

It is the intent and purpose of this Article to promote increased water conservation and improve water quality throughout Alachua County by promoting Florida Friendly Landscaping™.

Sec. 77.68. Territorial Jurisdiction

This Article shall apply countywide within Alachua County. The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (hereinafter “the Department”) shall administer the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 77.69. Deed Restrictions and Covenants

- (a) A deed restriction or covenant may not prohibit or be enforced so as to prohibit any property owner from implementing Florida-friendly landscaping on his or her land or create any requirement or limitation in conflict with any provision of Title 7, Chapter 77, any provision of part II of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, or any other provision, of the Alachua County Code.
- (b) A deed restriction or covenant recorded after October 1, 2019 may not require a property owner to have a permanent irrigation system on his or her land.

Sec. 77.70. Enforcement.

Violation of any provision of this Article shall be subject to penalties as provided in Chapter 24, Alachua County Code or any other remedy available at law or equity.

Sec. 77.03. - Definitions.

Florida-Friendly Landscape means a quality landscape that conserves water, protects the environment, is adaptable to local conditions, and is drought tolerant. The principles of such landscaping include planting the right plant in the right place, efficient watering, appropriate fertilization, mulching, attraction of wildlife, responsible management of yard pests, recycling yard waste, reduction of stormwater runoff, and waterfront protection. Additional components include practices such as landscape

planning and design, soil analysis, the appropriate use of solid waste compost, minimizing the use of irrigation, and proper maintenance. [Ref. s373.185 (1) Fla.Stat.]