

(g) *Florida-friendly landscape requirements* . All new developments except for those exempt pursuant to subsection 94-441(c) shall be required to apply certain Florida-friendly landscape techniques for landscaping prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy. The adopted design options and the accompanying points used to meet the Florida-friendly landscape requirements shall be clearly tabulated on the landscape plan . Such a landscape plan must satisfy a minimum total of 25 points for a single-family dwelling unit and a minimum of 50 points for all other developments from the following list of options. Plants may only be counted once for credit toward drought tolerant or Florida native plant points.

Design options:		Points
(1)	Utilization of moisture sensing controller other than rainswitch, alternate source of water such as a cistern, or highly efficient system that promotes water conservation.	10
(2)	Plan submitted with low, moderate, and high water usage zones indicated.	5
(3)	Groundcover or Grass:	
a.	25—50 percent of the groundcover or grass areas are made up of natural drought tolerant species from the list*	5
b.	51 percent or more of the groundcover or grass areas are made up of natural drought tolerant grass species from the list*	10
c.	25—50 percent of the groundcover or grass areas are made up of Florida native plants.	10
d.	51 percent or more of the groundcover or grass areas are made up of Florida native plants.	15
(4)	Shrubs:	
a.	25—50 percent of the required shrubs are made up of natural drought tolerant species from the list*	5
b.	51 percent or more of the required shrubs are made up of natural drought tolerant species from the list*	10
c.	25—50 percent of the required shrubs are made up of Florida native plants.	10
d.	51 percent or more of the required shrubs are made up of Florida native plants.	15

(5)	Trees:		
	a.	25-50 percent of the required trees are made up of natural drought tolerant species from the list*	5
	b.	51 percent or more of the required trees are made up of natural drought tolerant species from the list*	10
	c.	25-50 percent of the required trees are made up of Florida native plants.	10
	d.	51 percent or more of the required trees are made up of Florida native plants.	15
(6)	Extra shade trees in vehicular use areas:		
	a.	25 percent more than the required shade trees planted in the vehicular use areas.	5
	b.	50 percent more than the required shade trees planted in the vehicular use areas.	10
(7)	Natural sod area less than 50 percent of provided landscape area.		10
(8)	Utilization of compacted mulched planting beds at least three inches in depth in all planted areas except ground covers.		5

*The list of drought tolerant natural grass, shrubs, and tree species is contained in Waterwise, the South Florida Water Management District plant and landscape practices guide, as may be amended. Additional low water use plant species may be accepted with verified documentation. These species should however, not include invasive species. A listing of these drought tolerant species may also be obtained from the planning department.

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