

# FORESTRY RESOURCES LANDSCAPING GUIDE

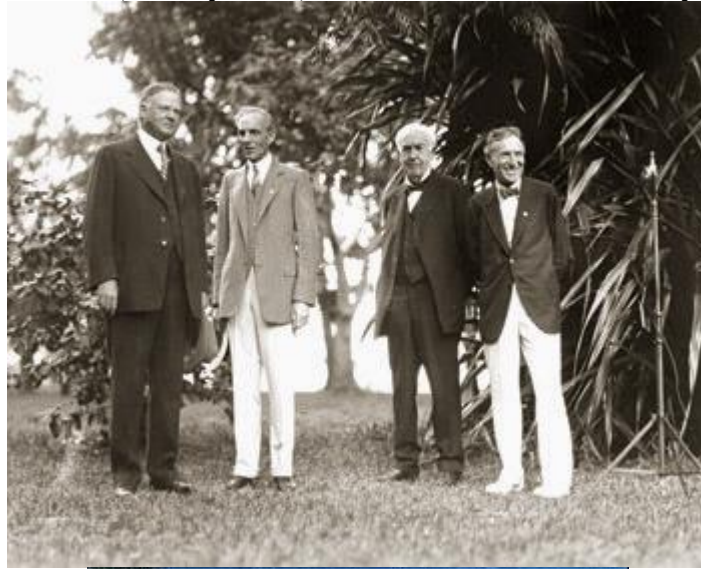
INFO FOR BOTH THE PROFESSIONAL AND "WEEKEND  
WARRIOR" LANDSCAPERS

**MAY 2017**

**VISIT THE WONDERFUL EDISON AND FORD WINTER  
ESTATES IN FT. MYERS**



**President Hoover, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone**



# LAWN CARE

- Irrigate lawns when dry spots start to appear
- Finish patching bare spots left from winter injury -  
(Forestry Resources brings in fresh loads of sod and  
plugs weekly to our five retail locations)
- Rake out the brown leaf blades from winter
- Finish spring feedings with fertilizers that slowly release  
nutrients to the lawn
- Look for yellow areas in St. Augustine lawns to check for  
chinch bugs
- May is the last of the better months to sod in shady  
areas until fall
- Dig out or spot kill weeds and replace with plugs of grass  
or sod
- Apply a fertilizer such as Forestry Resources 16-2-8 with  
iron to green up yellow lawns





## FERTILIZING

One application of a slow release fertilizer could feed  
your plants through summer

Feed palms with Forestry Resources 13-2-13 with iron  
that contains slow release nitrogen plus now loaded with  
WOLFTRAX patented micronutrient package!

Fertilize all flower beds and shrub plantings before the  
rainy season returns

Give late winter tree and shrub plantings their first  
feeding with 8-2-12

Keep bananas moist and feed monthly to have flowers by  
late summer

Give citrus, grapes and other fruits a late spring feeding  
Feed vegetable plantings monthly

VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT FEEDING  
FLORIDA LAWNS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00003315/00001>



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**PALM AND SHRUB BLEND**



# LANDSCAPE INSECT CONTROL

Chinch bugs, armyworms, giant lubber grasshoppers, and caterpillars are some of the main are pests you should start looking out for now

Use safe, organic Thuricide (B.T.) for caterpillar control  
Granular Talstar (which contains Bifenthrin) is the most effective chinch bug control.

Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental Spray is a broad spectrum systemic insecticide that controls many different species of both sucking and chewing insect pests on a wide range of ornamental plants.

The Royal Palm Bug is active this month. It feeds on newly opened leaves on Royal Palms normally taller than 12'. Insect control is achieved using products such as Merit which contain imidacloprid

Scale and mealy bugs become a bigger problem as the temperature climbs - and as difficult as these pests are to eliminate, their natural enemy ladybugs have been proven as an effective organic control

FOR INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO INSECT PESTS IN  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LANDSCAPES

CLICK HERE: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh036>





## GENERAL LANDSCAPE CARE

- Reshape plants beginning new growth after winter damage
- Give severely damaged plants another month to begin new growth from buds near the ground
- Save lots of water by irrigating trees and shrubs separately from lawns and only when needed
- Install and use micro-sprinklers to water trees and shrubs
- Check irrigation systems for coverage and damaged heads
- Sap stained bark, hollow areas and twin trunks may be signs of weak trees; have them checked
- Move orchids outdoors for the summer



May is one of the best months for taking cuttings on woody shrubs such as hibiscus and dracaena

GOOD GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT FLORIDA LANDSCAPING CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.floridayards.org/landscape/index.php>



# MULCH ADVISOR

Using environmentally responsible mulch such as Melaleuca not only saves our precious native trees, but also helps eradicate this invasive species while beautifying your landscape

Maintaining a mulch layer over tree and shrub roots helps to conserve moisture

Maintain mulch in the garden and use micro-sprinklers or soaker hoses to conserve water

Do not use mulch around the base of new or existing citrus trees as it may accelerate Phytophthora Root Rot

Incorporate compost with planting sites to improve sandy soils

Children's play areas should be covered by a layer of IPEMA certified PlaySafe mulch. It does not have rough edges or sharp shards. It is ideal for homeowners, schools and daycare centers.



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