



Urban Farming 101

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Collier County University Extension Office



New Ideas for the 21st Century

Why Urban Farming?

In Florida today's rural county is tomorrow's urban county. Collier County is on the fast track for community transformations due to increased urban, suburban populations and rural landscape along with societal changes. The University of Florida IFAS Extension can play a major role in the county's adjustments to this transitional change. Much of the expertise and consumer education materials available at the extension office focus on the issues that make for a smooth transition to a better life in Collier.

Week 1- Tuesday, April 7 "First things First"

- The Small Farm and Alternative / Urban farming
- The business of urban farming and getting started
- Growing "Organic"?
- Composting

Week 2- Tuesday, April 14 "Small urban farming alternatives/ Expectations"

- Vegetable / fruit production systems
- Plant growth characteristics, crop rotations and management strategies
- Soils: Type Structure, Fertility, pH organic matter

Week 3 –Tuesday, April 21 "The nuts and bolts"

- Pest management: Major pests and diseases affecting fruits and vegetables
- Pest management: IPM, traditional and organic approaches
- Harvesting, storing and marketing:

Week 4 – Tuesday April 28 **Class Field Trip and certificate awards**

There is a **\$25** registration fee for all classes. Make checks payable to **Collier County BCC** and mail to:

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14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120.

For more information please call 239-353-4244