



GUIDE TO PRESERVING AND PROTECTING NATIVE VEGETATION

South Florida's native trees and plants are some of the most spectacular in the world. Many of which can only be found here, right in your own backyard! So when you are making a landscape plan for your property, remember the trees and plants that you already have and add to them.

- Saves on the cost to buy landscape materials.
- Creates a wonderful habitat for wildlife.
- Can keep your house cooler on those hot South Florida summer days by producing additional shade.

If you happen to be lucky enough to have these extraordinary trees or shrubs on your property, save them from unnecessary destruction while building, the law requires you to protect native vegetation. Here's some helpful tips when designing the layout of your structure on your [site plan](#):

- Use areas of invasive non-native vegetation for development (house, parking lot, etc.)
- Use areas of uniform native vegetation for preservation.
- Prior to clearing any vegetation, use [proper barricading techniques](#) around native vegetation.
- Most important is to be on site to assist your clearing contractor and construction crew with these steps and to communicate with them what you are trying to accomplish.



That lush, green look that could cost thousands of dollars to plant and maintain is a wonderful gift of nature, **DON'T WASTE IT!**