

About

# UF/IFAS EXTENSION

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UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA  
Columbia County



## What is Extension?

Extension is a partnership between federal, state and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. The University of Florida, together with Florida A&M University, administers the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. At the University of Florida, Extension is located in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and is called UF/IFAS Extension.

## Who We Are

UF/IFAS Extension encompasses thousands of Extension faculty members, scientists, educators, staff members and volunteers. Nick T. Place, Ph.D., is the Dean and Director of UF/IFAS Extension.

## Learn More

Learn about UF/IFAS Extension and its many services and programs, at [WWW.SOLUTIONSFORYOURLIFE.COM](http://WWW.SOLUTIONSFORYOURLIFE.COM)



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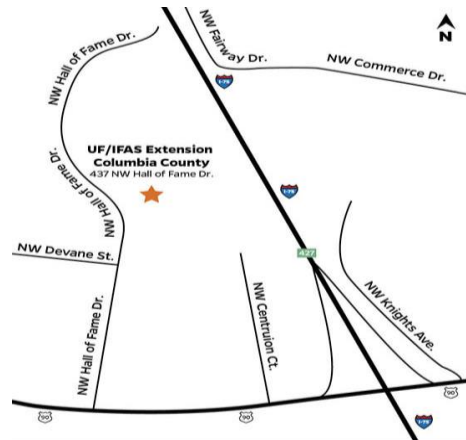
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## Come visit us when we reopen!



**437 NW Hall of Fame Drive  
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**We are here for you even during COVID-19!**

## For today's fresh produce, remember:

- *Wash all your fruits and veggies before eating them.* Wash them in water a little warmer than the fruit or vegetable is. Also use a scrub brush or scrub well with hands if they have porous texture.
- *Use the fresh foods in your cooking as well as for snacks.* If you need recipes or ideas check out our Facebook page or contact our FCS agent (contact info inside).
- *Always wash your hands before eating or preparing food.*



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## Currently our offices are closed to the public but we're still here...

Out of caution regarding COVID-19, UF/IFAS Extension Columbia County is currently closed to the public. We are committed to both continuing to serve you while keeping our employees healthy!

Any travel requires approval by the University of Florida, but we are able to meet with you virtually or over the phone if approval isn't likely. We can do virtual field visits or accept photos via email all to help you identify home or business fixes for livestock, row crops, and horticultural needs. Just contact us to arrange what you need.

Our agents are constantly posting on social media and writing blogs with information that can be helpful to you. Follow us on Facebook @columbiaextension and visit our website for blogs at [sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/Columbia](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/Columbia).

Our office will reopen as soon as possible but, in the meantime, reach out to us. We are here for your needs. Thank you and we apologize for the inconvenience any of this may cause.



## We provide...

UF/IFAS Extension provides practical education you can trust, to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future. We normally provide walk in consultations, state and national certifications, youth in school enrichment, and camps. And we'll get right back to all this once the restrictions are lifted. In the meantime...

## Everything has moved to a virtual platform and there are tons of opportunities...

- 4-H Club Meetings
- Virtual Laying Hen Spinners
- Victory2020 Garden Community
- Food preparation and recipes
- Virtual First Time Homebuyers Class
- Home Gardening Classes Online
- Let's Walk Florida Challenge



We're still working with our volunteers and we are always looking for individuals interested in volunteering for our programs. We even need help now with digital communication.



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