

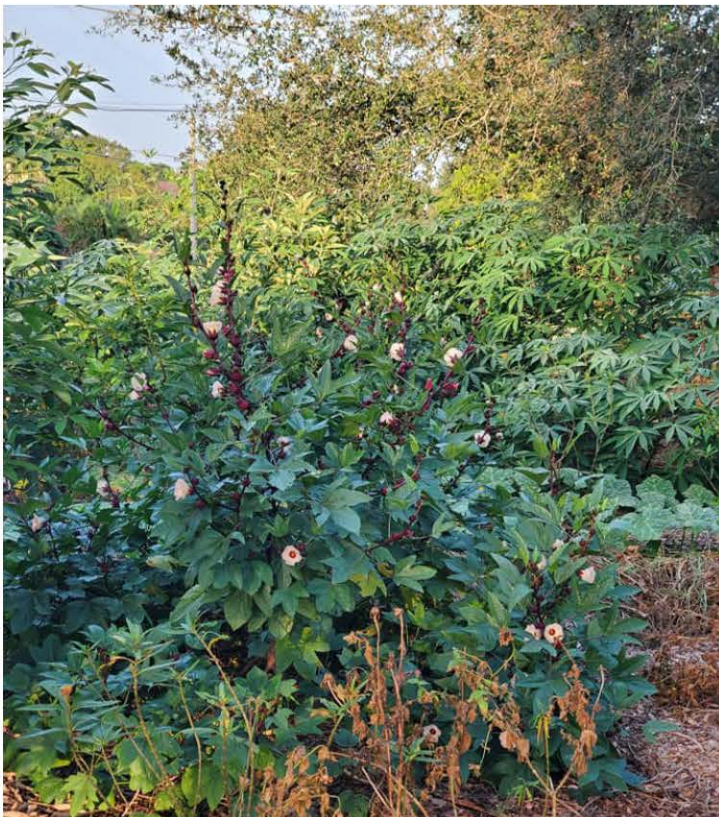


### **Cool Weather Landscape Management Tips:**

Here are 6 things to do to manage your Central Florida landscape during cooler weather:

1. Pay attention to the weather report.
2. Deeply water your landscape the morning before any event where the temperatures will be lower than 50 degrees. Well-watered soil will absorb/store solar radiation and help insulate plant roots when temperatures fall overnight. Be careful not to keep soil very saturated for long periods of time.
3. “Radiant heat from soil protects low-growing plants on calm cold nights...” this means your turfgrass and roots of perennials should be ok with after a good morning soak.
4. Group containerized plants that cannot be placed indoors together to reduce heat loss from the sides of the containers.
5. Carefully utilize covers when the weather calls for frost conditions. Covers should never be directly placed on the plant material and should go all the way down to soil to trap any radiant heat available.
6. Manage your watering and fertilizer regimen to reduce likelihood of tender tissues being burned.

If you need help making a cool weather plan for your landscape, please contact the Indian River County Master Gardeners. These knowledgeable volunteers will be pleased to assist you with your landscape management needs. They are conveniently located in IRC County Administration Building B for walk-in clients, or via email: [ircmg1@gmail.com](mailto:ircmg1@gmail.com) or call (772) 226-4324.



*Figure 1 Vero Beach landscape with many tender tropicals.*

For more information:

ENH 1 Cold Protection of Landscape Plants:  
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/MG/MG025/MG025-Dy9xo0omkb.pdf>