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## Extension open house offers tips for a sustainable holiday season

Find out how to go green for the holidays and learn more about Sarasota County Extension.

From 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, Extension agents will provide tips for a sustainable holiday season during the open house at the Extension office at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota. Among the demonstrations planned are:

- How to make green and recycled holiday decorations.
- Planting and care tips for poinsettias and other holiday plants.
- Decorating your holiday tree with edibles for wildlife.
- How to make safe and sustainable home cleaning products.
- Energy efficiency tips for the holidays and winter season.
- What Florida winter vegetables are in season and where to buy fresh and local produce.
- Sample healthy holiday snacks and take home healthy holiday recipes.
- Micro-irrigation and caring for your landscape in winter.
- Using rain barrels.

Visitors to the open house can learn more about Sarasota County Extension's classes and volunteer opportunities and meet the new general manager, Evangeline "Van" Linkous.

Free compact fluorescent light bulbs will be available during the open house, and a rain barrel will be given away every half hour.

To learn more about Sarasota County Extension, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the website at [www.sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu).

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