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## **Pasco Extension Offering Community Gardener Master Class**

*~~Learn how to start a community garden; Saturdays in January~~*

**LAND O' LAKES, FL** ---- Fresh fruits and vegetables – at little to no cost! That's the opportunity a community garden can offer. Under Pasco's new Urban Agriculture Ordinance, some county-owned and private properties can be used for community gardens. To help communities get started, the UF/IFAS [Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service](#) Horticulture Program is offering a Community Gardener Master Course.

The course will be held over four Saturdays in January, 2018 (January 6, 13, 20 & 27) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Boulevard.

The Community Gardener Master Course is designed to teach teachers, non-profit managers, hospital administration, YMCA/Homeowner Association managers, Cottage Industry producers, and the general public:

- How to Create a Community Garden (legal/funding issues)
- Gardening Techniques
- Composting
- Pest Management
- Garden Maintenance
- Harvesting
- Seed Preservation
- Off-season Preparation

The cost is \$200 per person and includes course materials and educational seminars with guest speakers and Horticultural experts. There's a \$50 discount, per applicant, for groups of 5 or more non-profit or public school employees. Low-income applicants may qualify for a 50% discount.

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