

# N-8



**Title:** Promote public education programs like “Be Floridian”, “Rain Gardens”, “Nature Scape”, and “Florida Yards and Neighborhoods” to encourage eco-friendly yard and garden practices to help reduce the amount of nutrients and other pollutants reaching the reefs through residential run-off.

**Objective:** The intended outcome of this action is to increase awareness among homeowners of how their behaviors can help reduce nutrients entering the estuaries and ocean from run-off associated with homeowner's lawn care/gardening practices; to improve water quality as a result of the reduction of nutrients entering the system from residential sources; and to utilize existing programs (e.g., Be Floridian, Rain Gardens, Nature Scape, and Florida Yards and Neighborhoods) to distribute educational materials that link residential nutrient inputs to the reefs.

**Background:** This recommended management action is being proposed due to nutrients entering the estuaries and reefs from residential properties and contributing to poor water quality, algal blooms, etc.

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