FYN Principle #8: Reduce Stormwater Runoff

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Principle #8: reduce stormwater runoff.

Rainwater can run off your landscape onto road asphalt and other hard surfaces where it can’t penetrate into the ground.

But in Florida-friendly yards, rainwater stays on-site, because reducing runoff protects waterways.

Try reducing the amount of rainfall that leaves your landscape by using porous materials like gravel, mulch, and bricks for your walkways, driveways, and patios.

Densely growing turfgrasses and groundcovers help capture rainwater, and can also filter pollutants and reduce erosion.

Other ways to keep water on-site include rain gardens and rain barrels.

In our world, stormwater runoff can’t be completely eliminated, but you can do your part to keep rainwater in your landscape to help protect our fragile environment.

For more information on Florida-friendly practices, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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