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Preparing Your Landscape for a Season Away

Today on Gardening in a Minute: preparing your landscape for a season away.

Many people live in Florida part-time and travel elsewhere for the hottest part of the year. If you're leaving for an extended period of time, you'll need to get your landscape ready for your absence.

Be sure trees are pruned and remove dead or dying limbs. For branches that are too high to reach from the ground, consider hiring a certified arborist.

Check your irrigation system to make sure that all heads are functioning properly and verify that your rain sensor is also in good working order.

Refresh the mulch in your gardens to keep weed problems in check.

Hire someone reputable to mow and care for your landscape. Make sure they know your wants and wishes and that you check their references.

For more information about preparing your landscape for a season away and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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