

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Where: Main Room Nokomis Community Center
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis, FL 34275
Agenda: 6:30 pm Chat and Tasting Table
7:00 pm Introduction and Presentation
8:30 pm Plant Raffle
Speaker: Steve Cucura, FruitScapes Nursery
Topic: Drip Irrigation for Fruit Trees in the Florida Home Garden

Call it drip irrigation or micro-irrigation. Call it what you will, but call it efficient. It is the most efficient method of irrigation.

Even with summer rains, many landscapes still require irrigation. Concern over drought and wasted water resources, along with stricter conservation laws and watering restrictions, demand good stewardship practices in our gardens. With a good drip irrigation plan, you can reduce wasted water, deliver water directly to the plants' roots, reduce disease problems associated with high levels of water and, in conjunction with a mulch program, reduce the incidence of weeds.

Drip irrigation should be an integral part of your garden plan. Just as you select the right plant for the right place, drip irrigation can be the best defense to beat the heat.

Many of you know Steve Cucura from our fruit tree sales. Steve uses a drip irrigation system in his nursery. Most of us don't need a sophisticated drip irrigation system designed for a commercial nursery operation. Setting up a drip irrigation system to feed your yard's fruit trees, vegetables and plants will take a little planning and forethought and a few hours to execute. Steve will provide the "blueprint."