

**Orange County is filled with ideas and resources for your neighborhood's next project.** Whether you want to clean up an area, plant trees, keep your lake clean, apply for a grant, or learn about landscaping, the County has a number of programs and services to help.

Clean and Attractive Neighborhoods are great places to live — they create pride, deter crime, and increase property values. Participating in a project is also a great way to get to know your neighbors and address your neighborhood's specific needs.

You will find this brochure filled with opportunities for your neighborhood. Just find a project that interests you and call the phone number for additional information. Projects range in size, scope, and commitment level.



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ORANGE COUNTY



# Clean & Attractive Neighborhoods

## Resource Guide



Orange County Government  
**Neighborhood  
Services  
Division**

"Engaging and Strengthening Neighborhoods"

## Comptrollers Office 407-836-5770

### MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit)

Need street lighting or a new wall to replace an existing wall? MSBU's collect funds from benefited property owners for these municipal services; contact our office for more information.

## UF/IFAS Extension Service Orange County 407-254-9200

### ADOPT-A-TREE

Free trees! You may attend one of our Adopt-A-Tree events and get free trees.

### RESIDENTIAL HORTICULTURE

Attend educational classes (OCExtension.eventbrite.com) that will help you care for your Florida-Friendly landscape or garden. Learn how to grow vegetables in your back yard or start a community garden. Your County Extension Agents and Master Gardener Volunteers answer landscape and garden questions, and provide unbiased, scientific research based solutions to your landscape and garden problems.

### EXPLORATION GARDENS

These gardens demonstrate Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices. Visit the Exploration Gardens at the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Education Center, 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando and the Orange County Administration Center, 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando.

## Environmental Protection Division 407-836-1400

### CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM

This program helps to identify impaired waters and offers technical assistance with projects to improve the water quality of Orange County lakes. These projects include lakeshore restoration, berm and swale installation, and the removal of invasive exotics.

### GREEN PLACE

Green PLACE (Park Land Acquisition for Conservation & Environmental Protection) has properties open for passive recreational activities. Come out to Eagles Roost, Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve, Pine Lily Preserve, Long Branch, Isle of Pine Preserve, and Sandhill Preserve and reconnect with nature.

### POLLUTION PREVENTION (P2)

Businesses, institutions, and residents can participate in a free P2 assessment to help save money and conserve resources while reducing waste and pollution.

### PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Environmental education presentations are available on a variety of topics tailored to both adult and K-12 audiences to include such topics as pollution prevention, stormwater management, lake ecology, and energy conservation.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved in community environmental projects through Orange County's eVIP (environmental Volunteer and Internship Program). Individual and group volunteers participate in restoration projects, clean ups, storm drain labeling, water monitoring, invasive plant removal, trail marking and watershed education programs.

## Housing and Community Development 407-836-5150

### MINOR REPAIR/SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION

Programs for qualified homeowners to make repairs and correct code violations and unsafe conditions in the home.

## Neighborhood Services Division

### Code Compliance 407-836-3111

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Request a representative to attend one of your neighborhood meetings to discuss code related topics, share ideas about revitalizing your community, and establish an effective relationship with your group.

#### GRAFFITI

Call 311 to report locations that were painted with graffiti.

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#### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Work with our office to plan, recruit volunteers, and implement a neighborhood clean up.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

Orange County's Neighborhood Beautification Grants provide direct funding to support and assist citizens and organizations in improving the physical and social quality of neighborhoods. Funding is available in the form of grants to help organizations revitalize and preserve their neighborhoods. The grant program is designed to promote partnerships between citizens in Orange County, while working to beautify those neighborhoods.

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Receive free assistance in starting a neighborhood Yard-of-the-Month program, including a free yard sign and evaluation materials.

## Roads and Drainage 407-836-7774

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Select a road near your neighborhood to adopt and take responsibility for periodically removing litter! Volunteers will receive safety training, Adopt-A-Highway signs displaying your group's name, safety vests, plastic bags, traffic control signs as required, and bagged litter pick up.

## Solid Waste Division 407-836-6601

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Various free collection events are held throughout the County. Residents may also take household hazardous waste and electronic waste free of charge directly to one of Solid Waste Division's permanent collection facilities. For more information about locations, hours, and tips before your trip, visit [www.ocfl.net/HHW](http://www.ocfl.net/HHW).

### SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The Solid Waste Division provides a number of services for residents of unincorporated Orange County, including curbside garbage, yard waste, recycling, and large item pick up. For more information, visit [www.ocfl.net/GreenClean](http://www.ocfl.net/GreenClean).

## Water Division 407-254-9845

### IRRIGATION INSPECTION

Simple adjustments to your inground irrigation system can save you money and Florida's precious water resources. If you are an Orange County Utilities Customer, and use at least 15,000 gallons of potable water per month, you are eligible for an audit of your system to make sure it is operating efficiently.

