

- Opportunity to participate in workshops, seminars, and other FarmNet events
- Access to resources for sustainable living
- Opportunity to join with others of like mind to advance missions and projects supported by FarmNet
- Increased community involvement and deepening sense of place

Affiliation with FarmNet requires affirmation of support for FarmNet ideals and aspirational practices. It is understood that implementing all practices may not be possible for some participants.

Suggested Donation:
 \$25 for businesses \$15 for households

If FarmNet is something you, your family, or your business would be interested in being a part of, please share your affirmation of support (donations appreciated, not required). Send name, address, and email contact to:

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New Port Richey FarmNet is dedicated to quickening the rise of a resilient and sustainable community in New Port Richey and nearby areas based on agrarian principles and practices.

New Port Richey FarmNet supports locally owned and operated businesses, develops sustainable local food production and distribution systems, restores healthy natural ecologies, develops resilient economic structures, educates on principles and practices of urban agrarianism and cultural resiliency, and cultivates authentic communities.

**Want to Help?
 Read On**

Ideals and Aspirational Practices:

FarmNet and its participants support these ideals and aspire to these practices:

Goods and Services

1. Use locally produced goods and services as first preference.
2. Use regional goods and services if local products are not available.
3. Use Florida goods and services if regional and local products are not available.

Commerce

1. Acquire goods and services from locally-owned businesses committed to sustainability as first preference.
2. If sustainable businesses not available, acquire goods and services from locally-owned businesses.
3. Choose businesses that support FarmNet ideals.

Conservation

1. Compost food waste.
2. Commit to recycling all materials accepted by local recyclers.
3. Conserve water and electricity. Collect rainwater for gardens.
4. Avoid plastics, Styrofoam, and synthetic fiber packaging.
5. Avoid and minimize use of poisons; replace insecticides with less harmful treatments.
6. Drive less.
7. Install native plants (trees, shrubs, flowers); remove non-native plants. Replace turf grass with native plants or food gardens.

Food

1. Use local (within 10 miles), organic food products as first preference, whenever possible. Know your food producer. Support FarmNet growers, makers, and markets.
2. Use regional (within 50 miles), organic food products as first preference, if local not available. Meet the food producer.
3. Use Florida (in state) organic food products as first choice, if local or regional not available. Identify food source.
4. Choose local over organic, if local-organic is not available. Choose organic, if local (organic or otherwise) is not available.

Agriculture

1. Commit to growing local seasonal produce (even if only in a planter), using organic methods – try at least one product each season. Grow as much as you can where you are.
2. Use local organic seeds and seedlings, avoid commercial seeds and seedlings if possible.
3. Use local soil amenities, eliminate poisons, replace insecticides with less harmful poisons. Avoid commercial fertilizers, soil, and dirt.
4. Support local seed banks and seed libraries. Save seeds to share and use in next growing cycle.

What's In It For ME?

Benefits to Businesses:

- Recognition as a participant in a network of individuals and groups dedicated to sustainability and resilience
- Direct and indirect promotion of your work through FarmNet media relations (including traditional PR, social media, and IT services)
- Networking opportunities with businesses and individuals sharing common economic and ecological ideals
- Increased exposure to individuals and businesses committed to sustainability and resilience
- Opportunity to participate in workshops, seminars, and other FarmNet events
- Increased support for missions and projects supported by FarmNet
- The FarmNet seal and certificate, for display at your business
- Listing in the FarmNet business directory

Benefits to Individuals:

- Identification (and shopping list) of businesses committed to sustainability and resilience
- Participation in a community of businesses and individuals sharing common economic and ecological ideals