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### Why is April designated Water Conservation Month?

Our water source—the Floridan aquifer—is replenished by rainfall.

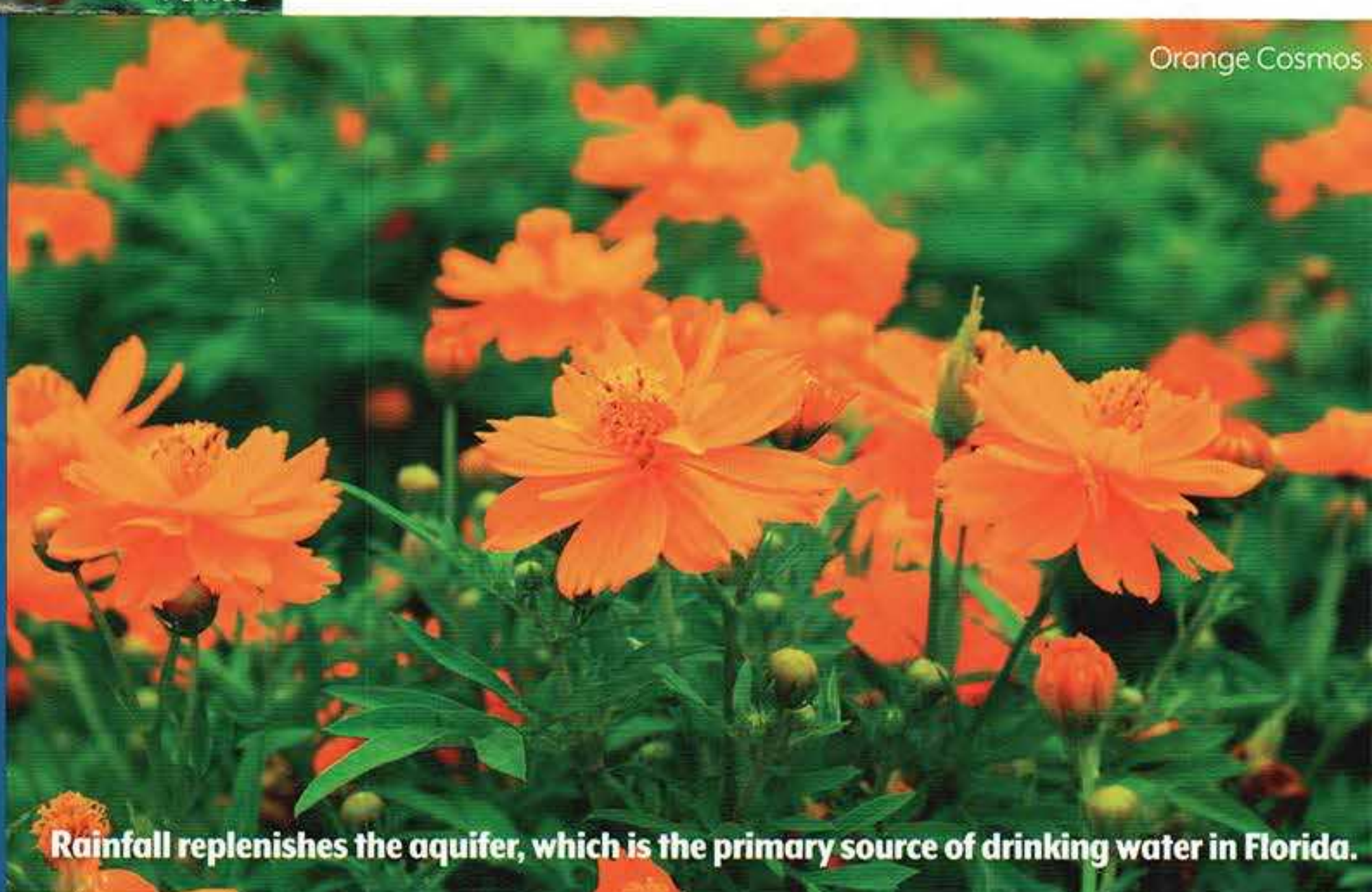
In Central Florida, we

- Average 53" of rainfall per year
- Get very little in April—only about 2.5"

Our community needs to conserve today to sustain this resource all year long and into the future.

Turn over to find out how!

# APRIL WATER CONSERVATION MONTH 2022



Orange Cosmos

Rainfall replenishes the aquifer, which is the primary source of drinking water in Florida.



Bromeliad



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(select option 1, then option 2)

Para más información, por favor llame al Departamento de Servicios Públicos del Condado de Orange y pida hablar con un representante en español. El número de teléfono es 407-254-9850 (seleccione la opción 9, luego la opción 2).

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*You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper to create a Florida-Friendly yard. All it takes is a willingness to learn and a desire to build a beautiful yard that helps protect Florida's environment.*

## Tips for Sustaining Our Water Resources

### Right Plant, Right Place

Look for low-maintenance plants that require minimal irrigation, fertilization, and pest control.

### Water Efficiently

Wait to water your lawn until at least half of it shows wilt.

### Fertilize Appropriately

Remember, fertilization is restricted between June 1 and September 30. [www.ocfl.net/FertilizeResponsibly](http://www.ocfl.net/FertilizeResponsibly)

### Mulch

Apply 2-3 inches of mulch to keep soil moist longer after irrigation, giving roots extra time to soak up the water.

### Attract Wildlife

Planting native plants, such as blazing star, gold lantana, coral honeysuckle, and beautyberry, can be a good source of food for butterflies, birds, and bees.



Gaillardia

### Manage Yard Pests Responsibly

Minimize problems by choosing healthy, pest-resistant plants for your landscape.

### Recycle Yard Waste

Leave your grass clippings on the lawn when you mow. Use raked leaves and pine needles in beds as mulch.

### Reduce Stormwater Runoff

Reduce the amount of rainfall that leaves your landscape by using porous materials like mulch and pavers for your sidewalks and driveways.

### Protect the Waterfront

Protect water bodies from nutrient and pesticide runoff by creating a buffer at least 10 feet wide between your lawn and the nearest body of water. Don't mow, fertilize, or use pesticides in this area.

## Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Workshop

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

- Learn easy solutions for a beautiful landscape
- Reduce water, pesticides, and fertilizer usage
- Attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators

Attendees will receive two **Florida-Friendly Landscaping™** books and a rain gauge.

To register for this virtual workshop, visit: [OCExtension.eventbrite.com](https://www.ocextension.com/eventbrite.com)

Cost: **\$10 per individual/per workshop**  
Preregistration is required along with the nonrefundable class fee.



Sunflower

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Fifty percent or more of water used in Central Florida goes on lawns and landscaping.*