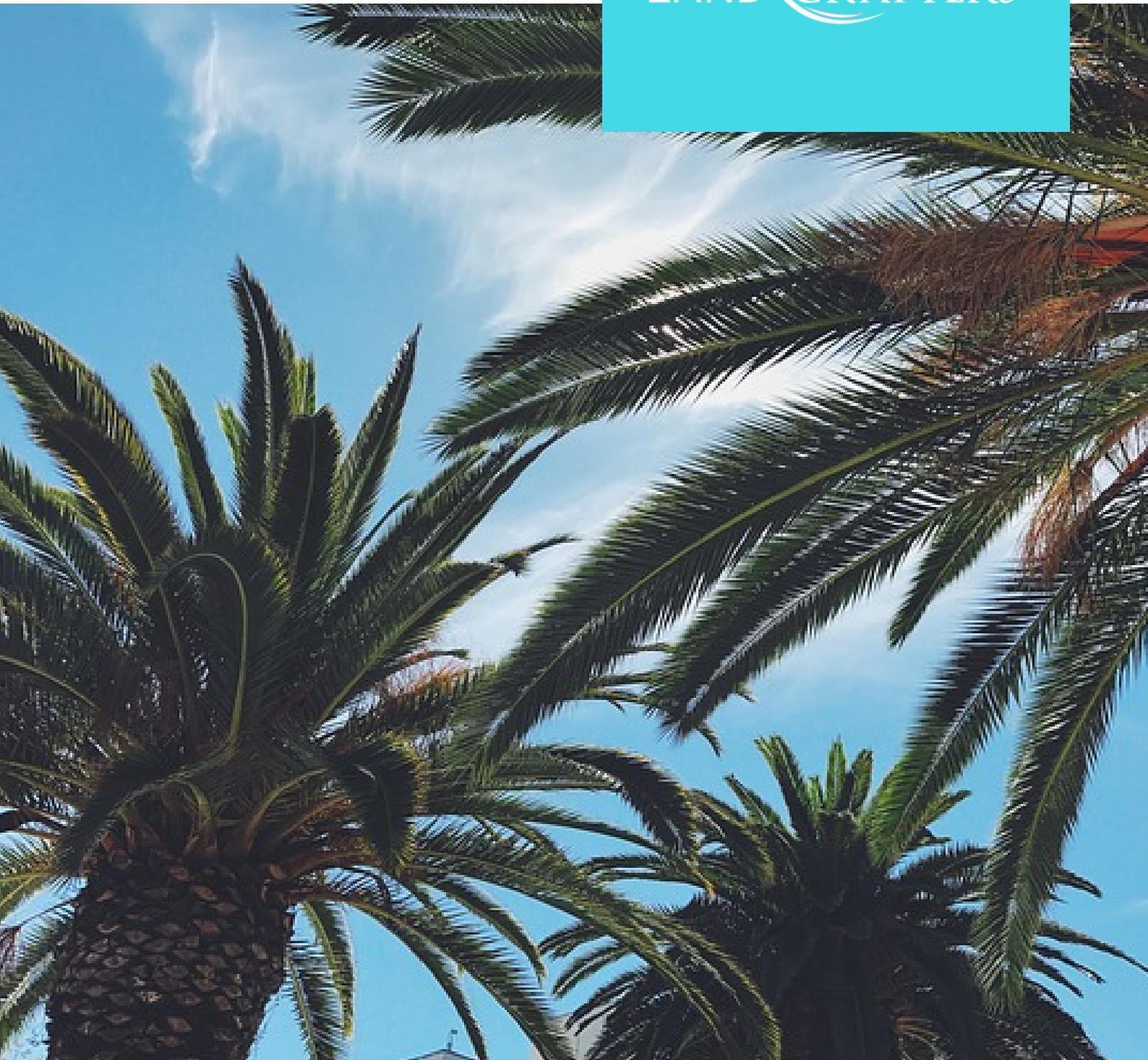


LANDCRAFTERS'
EXPERTS PRESENT:
**THE TOP FIVE TIPS:
POST-INSTALLATION
PALM TREE CARE**

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It seems like you can't go an hour wandering around this unique state without spotting one – whether they're tall or squat, reaching wide or reaching tall, packed with coconuts or entirely fruitless, palm trees are absolutely everywhere. In fact, palm trees are so prominent, one variety is actually the Florida state tree (the Sabal Palm, to be exact).

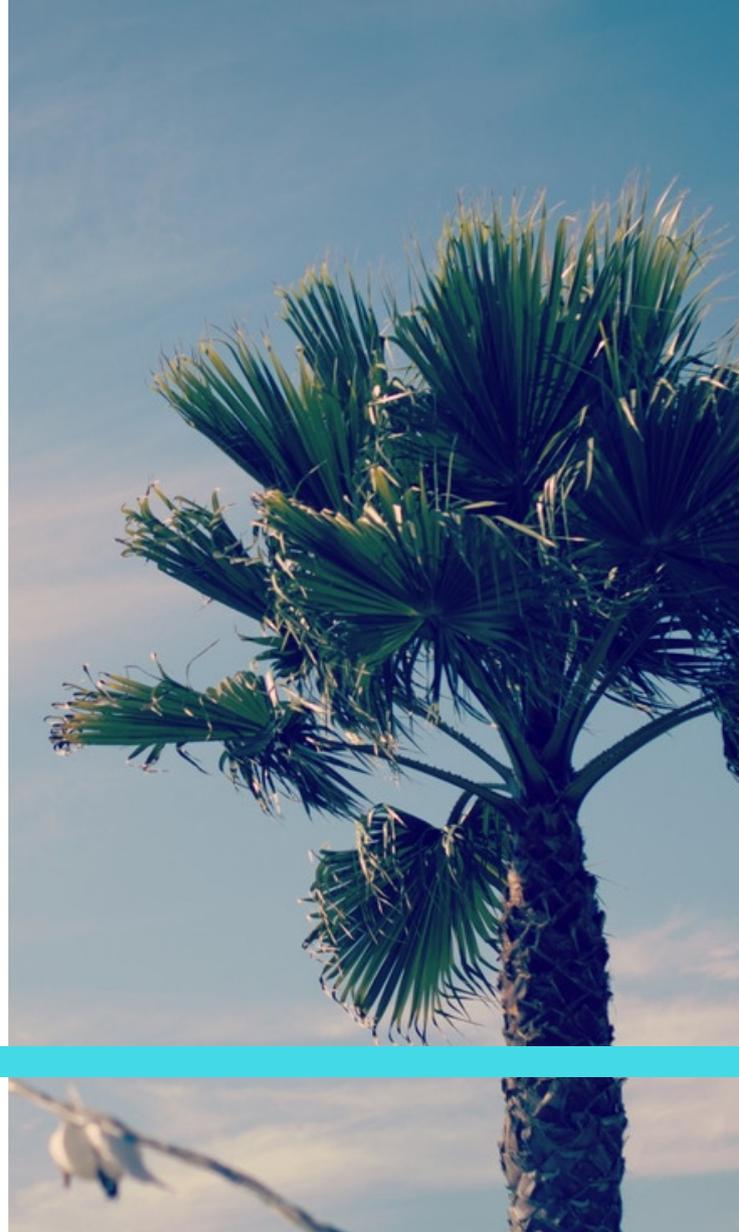
Because they're absolutely everywhere, seem easy to care for, and look so perfectly Florida, it's only natural that a Floridian like yourself would want to implement palms into their landscape, garden, or yard. And we can't blame you! They're great trees that don't require too much care and can bring the Florida charm to your landscape you've always been looking for.

That being said, they will require a little extra attention post installation, and if left uninformed, it's possible you could endanger the health of your tree! But fear not, Landcrafters has got your back. Check out our Post-Installation Tips and Tricks for your Florida palms, right here!

Supplemental Watering is More than Necessary

We know you've probably heard that palms won't need watering and that they do well in dry, humid environments. This is undoubtedly true, but only really starts to count after a palm tree has been established. If you've just installed a palm, then supplemental watering (or rather, relying on more than just the rain and other groundwater sources the roots suck up) is going to be a huge deal. We suggest that for new palms, you need to water at least twice a week for up to the first six months just to help encourage its establishment. If you're not soaking at least a foot and a half of the soil, you're not getting the water to penetrate enough, so make sure you're measuring out the soil's wetness. Don't be afraid to adjust, too! If you have extra tough, sandy soil, you might need to up your moisture! Once your palm is established, once or twice a month of extra watering will work wonders for it, but you likely won't have to do much!

Don't Be Afraid to Prune Your Palms



If you've ever been told not to prune your palms, we suggest you walk away quickly from the person who gave you that advice – you don't need that kind of misinformation in your life. All kidding aside, it's okay to prune your palms! Even though fronds tend to shed naturally, you might need to step in and remove yellowing, browning, and old fronds so that nutrients and moisture won't be misdirected away from the young fronds that need the TLC. You do, however, need to do this scarcely, and be incredibly careful when you're trimming your palms because it's super easy to damage the bark and allow for the inflicted points to act as entryways for insects and diseases.

Soil Health = Healthy Tree

A lot of people will do a great job focusing on the watering and the trimming but will

accidentally neglect the soil health. This is a hugely important factor for the establishment and health of your palm! If you're working with compacted, nutrient-deficient soil, it's likely your palm isn't going to thrive. But ensuring that you've got a bulk of nutrients in the topsoil is going to guarantee that you've got the potential for a beautiful palm tree in the palm of your hand! So, next time you're focusing all of your attention on irrigating your palm, take a good, close look at the soil and determine if you're doing all you can for your soil's health!

Fertilization Matters, Too

Fertilization is going to make all the difference for your newly established palm, especially in the very early days of post installation. While we don't suggest you add in fertilizer too early, we do think it's important to add in fertilizer two weeks after you've planted your palm. While there are tons of fertilizer mixtures out there, the University of Florida's agricultural research division says that IFAS 8-2-12 is one of the most ideal mixes for palms. If you'd prefer to use another mix, no worries, just ensure that you've got a good combo of phosphorous, nitrogen, potassium and magnesium.

Work with a Company Who Knows Palm Trees Like the Backs of Their Hands

You can do all the watering, all the fertilizing, and all of the soil-doctoring, but in the end, it probably will pay off best to have someone who knows the most about palm trees. Working with an established, Florida specific company who's been around the block a time or two can help immensely with your palm tree problems. Why? Because they've experienced them time and time again and have developed the perfect solution for every question and issue.



Want Expert Help?

With over 20 years of Palm tree expertise under our belt, Landcrafters knows how to treat your precious palms. No matter what the issue, we're here to help. We're seasoned experts who know a thing or two (or several) about Palms, and there's no one better to help get your palms to where you want them to be! Get in touch with us today so we can provide you with the advice, inspiration, or answers you need! Give us a call for a no obligation quote and get ready for stunning landscape!