

Green Industries Best Management Practices



Green Industries - Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) Free Educational Program Workshop Miami-Dade and Monroe County Extension Services

[Florida Statute §482.1562](#) states that all commercial fertilizer applicators must have a license from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

**The law has been in effect since January 1, 2014.
If you apply fertilizer as a commercial landscaper, this license is required.**

Please pre-register with Kim Gabel, Environmental Horticulture Agent, UF/IFAS/Monroe County Extension Services, by e-mail at kgabel@ufl.edu or call 305-292-4501.

KEY LARGO - Espanol Version

Mejores Practicas para la Proteccion de recursos hidricos en la Florida
Matenga su jardin verde y las aguas limpias

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 ♦ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Murray E. Nelson Government & Cultural Center

First floor auditorium, 102050 Overseas Highway, Key Largo

There has to be at least five (5) pre-registrants by September 27 or the workshop will be canceled.



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What are the GI-BMPs?

The GI-BMPs are a science-based educational program for Green Industry professionals brought to you by the University of Florida/Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ program and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The GI-BMPs teach environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida's ground and surface waters and natural resources. They can also save the Florida homeowner money, time, and effort; increase the beauty of the home landscape; and protect the health of your family, pets, and the environment.

Is GI-BMP Training Mandatory?

Yes! Florida Statute §482.1562 states that all commercial fertilizer applicators must have a certificate from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) by January 1, 2014. To get this certificate, each commercial applicator must be trained in the GI-BMPs and receive a certificate of completion from UF/IFAS and FDEP. Local ordinances may require this certification sooner, or require that non-commercial applicators also be trained or voluntarily participate in the program to better serve their clients.

Who Benefits from GI-BMP Training?

- Supervisors and employees in the lawn care, pest control, or landscape industries
- Municipal parks and recreation facility supervisors and employees
- Irrigation industry workers
- Commercial property managers
- City and county planning department staff
- City and county environmental department or water quality staff
- City and county commission staff
- Builders and developers
- Landscape designers and architects
- Golf course employees
- Anyone working in the areas of water quality, urban development, or environmental issues

Attendees Will Receive:

- Training in all major aspects of the GI-BMP manual
- Certificate of completion (mailed 3 - 4 weeks after training)
- Up to four (4) CEUs for pesticide license holders. FDACS 2 Core and 2 additional CEUs for the following licenses: Private Applicator – Agriculture, Ornamental & Turf, Limited Lawn & Ornamental, Limited Landscape Maintenance, and Commercial Lawn and Ornamental

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