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A Limited Commercial Fertilizer
Applicator Certificate will be required
for ALL persons who make fertilizer
applications commercially ("for-hire")
BEFORE January 21, 2014.

Get your certificate early to avoid the
last minute rush and delay during the
weeks before the deadline.

LIMITED COMMERCIAL
FERTILIZER
APPLICATION CERTIFICATION
INFORMATION

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Certification Requirements for Florida Commercial Fertilizer Applicators

In order to improve ground water quality in the State of Florida, Commercial (For-Hire) fertilizer applications are now regulated by several agencies.

Fertilizer applicators may already be required to have completed the Green Industry's Best Management Practices (GIBMP) training and have a valid Certificate of Completion on file if required by local government regulations.

Florida Law requires EVERY Commercial Fertilizer Applicator to have the FDACS Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate (LCFAC) by January 21, 2014.

This brochure was designed to provide you with information you may need to comply with regulations.

NOTE: A fertilizer applicator with GIBMP training and/or the LCFAC certificate will:

1. NOT BE ALLOWED to apply pesticides to turf or ornamental plants – including weed-n-feed products
2. NOT BE ALLOWED to operate a pest control business, or
3. NOT BE ALLOWED to supervise an “uncertified” person to make a fertilizer application under their “supervision or authority”.

WHERE TO GET THE TRAINING

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) have partnered to provide the necessary GIBMP training.

All scheduled training is listed on the official website under “professionals” at <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>. This site will also offer on-line training AND training is available in Spanish.

To receive a GIBMP certificate, a person must attend the course and pass the course examination with a score of 75% or higher.

WHO NEEDS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

GIBMP training is required for all persons who will need a FDACS Limited Commercial Fertilizer Certificate. This certificate is required for any person making a fertilizer application “for-hire”.

Persons who are making fertilizer applications on property that their employer owns (for example - golf courses, an apartment complex, or stadiums) are not required to obtain a FDACS LCFAC certificate BUT MAY STILL need the GIBMP training to comply with local ordinances.

FDACS LIMITED COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER APPLICATOR CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

A person will submit an Application for Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate, DACS form 13677, (available now at: <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/onestop/forms/13677.pdf>) to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for processing.

A person must submit proof that they have attended the GIBMP training (a copy of their certificate will be satisfactory) and submit a fee of \$25.

The certificate is valid for 4 years from date of issuance.

Prior to renewal, a person must obtain 4 hours of Continuing Education Training (2 hours of which must be in BMP topics) and submit this proof of training with their renewal application and renewal fee. (Note: local ordinances may require MORE than 4 hours of CEU training.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A web link about GIBMP training has been provided to answer additional questions at: http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/professionals/BMP_overview.htm and for BMP requirements: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/faq.htm>