



Manatee County Fertilizer Ordinance Training Requirements for Commercial and Institutional Applicators (Chapter 2-35, Section 11)

Any person providing fertilizer application services within Manatee County must obtain appropriate training and certification by **June 1, 2012**. The certification is required to obtain a vehicle decal, which must be displayed at the site of fertilizer application (Note: Applicator vehicle decals issued by Hillsborough, Pinellas, or Sarasota counties are also accepted in Manatee County). To obtain a Manatee County-issued vehicle decal complete the steps below:

- **STEP 1:** Attend and complete a state-approved training course such as *Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP)* from a University of Florida County Extension office (every County offers the GI-BMP course). The course can be taken at the Manatee County Extension classroom by calling (941) 722-4524 ext 226. The course is also available as an online self-paced course through the GI-BMP Program website: <https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu>. Note: there are no Pesticide CEUs for the online course.
- **STEP 2:** Obtain a Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer from FDACS. To obtain the certification, complete the application (<http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/onestop/forms/13677.pdf>) and submit with required documents to FDACS. Processing time is 4-6 weeks. Each fertilizer applicator must have this license regardless of any other FDACS licenses held.
- **STEP 3:** Complete and sign the Manatee County Affidavit (<http://www.mymanatee.org/affidavit.pdf>). Submit both the signed affidavit and a copy of the FDACS Commercial Fertilizer certification to the attention of:

Ms. Kelli Polanski at
Fax #: (941) 742-5996 or
Email: MCfertilizer@mymanatee.org

If you need further assistance, contact the Natural Resources Dept- Environmental Protection Division at (941) 742-5980 x1807, email MCfertilizer@mymanatee.org or visit <http://www.mymanatee.org/fertilizer>.