



Manatee County Fertilizer Ordinance Training Requirements for Landscape Maintenance Personnel (Chapter 2-35, Section 11)

Any person or company providing landscape services (mowing, edging, pruning, debris management, etc.) **not** including fertilizer application must be certified in Manatee County Landscape Maintenance Best Management Practices (BMPs) according to Manatee County's Fertilizer Ordinance (Ord. 11-21) by **December 1, 2012**. Complete the steps below to be in compliance with the ordinance:

- **STEP 1:** Attend & complete the Manatee County Landscape Maintenance Best Management Practices (BMP) 3-hour training. The course can be taken at the Manatee County IFAS Extension by calling (941) 722-4524 ext 226. Visit the following website for a schedule of classes and locations, and online registration: <http://ow.ly/64pe6>.
- **STEP 2:** Upon course completion, Manatee County will issue a certificate, wallet card, and vehicle decal as notification that the landscaper is certified in Landscape Maintenance BMPs.

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>.