

**GREEN INDUSTRIES  
BEST MANAGEMENT  
PRACTICES TRAINING**

Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMPs) is an educational program for people working in lawn-care and landscape maintenance. The GI-BMP program teaches environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida's ground and surface waters.

For training information in English or Spanish please visit:  
<https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu>



**LF CERTIFICATION**

This limited certification, often referred to as a "fertilizer license" or "LF license", is issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). This certification is required by Florida law to apply fertilizer commercially ("for-hire") on residential or commercial properties, or to parks or non-agricultural fields. Each individual fertilizer applicator must have this certification.

Before applying for the FDACS LF Certification, you must take the [GI-BMP Training](#).

If you have questions or need help with the Limited Fertilizer (LF) Certification, contact FDACS:  
Phone: 850-617-7997

**CONTACT US**

**City of Marco Island  
Growth Management  
239-389-3949**

gmhelp@cityofmarcoisland.com



**Marco Island Police  
Code Enforcement  
239-389-5060**

mipdcode@cityofmarcoisland.com



**University of Florida  
(GI-BMP Certificate)  
352-273-4517**

gi.bmp@ifas.ufl.edu

*Protecting our water resources together.*

**BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023, ALL  
LANDSCAPING AND FERTILIZER BUSINESSES  
OPERATING ON MARCO ISLAND ARE  
REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY  
OF MARCO ISLAND. STARTING APRIL 1, 2023,  
MARCO ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE  
ENFORCEMENT WILL BEGIN STRICTLY  
ENFORCING THE PROFESSIONAL  
LANDSCAPE/FERTILIZER REGISTRATION AND  
COMPLIANCE PROCESS.  
THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND ENCOURAGES  
RESIDENTS TO VERIFY THEIR LANDSCAPING  
COMPANIES ARE LICENSED AND  
REGISTERED.**



**PROFESSIONAL  
FERTILIZER  
LAWN & LANDSCAPE  
REGISTRATON PROCESS**

**TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF OUR  
WATERWAYS, THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND  
WILL RESTRUCTURE THE PROFESSIONAL  
LANDSCAPE AND FERTILIZER REGISTRATION  
PROCESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
FOLLOWING:  
FSS 482.1562 AND CODE OF ORDINANCE  
16-02 SECTIONS 8-70 THROUGH 8-80  
SECTIONS 18-62 THROUGH 18-65**

## BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

**Step 1.** Business owner must obtain the Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) Certificate from the University of Florida.

**Step 1a.** Fertilizer applicators must also obtain the Limited Certification or Fertilizer License (LF License) issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), renewable every four years. Visit [aesecomm.fdacs.gov](mailto:aesecomm.fdacs.gov), email [AESCares@FDACS.gov](mailto:AESCares@FDACS.gov), or call 850-617-7977.

**Step 2.** If the primary location of the business is from an office or home office on Marco Island, a Home Occupational Certificate of Zoning Compliance is required. If your business is located off of Marco Island a Occupational Certificate of Zoning is not required.

**Step 3.** Business owner shall obtain a Business Tax Receipt (BTR) from the County in which their business is located.

**Step 4.** Complete the City of Marco Island Professional Lawn and Landscaper Registration Form. These forms are available online [cityofmarcoisland.com/growthmanagement](http://cityofmarcoisland.com/growthmanagement).

**Step 5.** Submit applications via email [gmlhelp@cityofmarcoisland.com](mailto:gmlhelp@cityofmarcoisland.com) or in person at City of Marco Island Growth Management, 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145.

Application must include:

- a)** GIBMP (to include all landscape professional/employees)
- b)** "LF License" (Fertilizer Applicators only)
- c)** Zoning Certificate (when applicable)
- d)** Business Tax Receipt
- e)** Registration Form and Fees

**Step 6.** Once the application is approved, window decals will be provided to the applicant showing proof of registration. The decals shall be adhered to the inside left lower section for all company vehicles.  
\*Decals will have a unique ID number.

**Step 7.** A minimum of one business day prior to fertilizing, the applicator shall submit an email request to [gmlhelp@cityofmarcoisland.com](mailto:gmlhelp@cityofmarcoisland.com) that includes the location, type of fertilizer, and acknowledgement that a spreader deflector will be utilized.

## LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL (EMPLOYEES) REQUIREMENTS

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**Step 2.** Obtain the Limited Certification or Fertilizer License (LF License) issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), renewable every four years. Visit [aesecomm.fdacs.gov](mailto:aesecomm.fdacs.gov), email [AESCares@FDACS.gov](mailto:AESCares@FDACS.gov), or call 850-617-7977. (For fertilizer applicators only)

### OVERVIEW

- Applicant cannot apply fertilizer more than four times per year per location.
- Applicant shall keep a copy of the email permit request with them while fertilizing and produce same at the request of a Code Enforcement Officer.
- Every registered lawn and landscape professional shall carry his or her registration and photo identification at all times while engaged in lawn and landscaping work in the City of Marco Island.
- Fertilizer applicators shall have and carry in their possession at all times when applying fertilizer evidence of their "LF License".
- Landscape professional and fertilizer applicators are encouraged to keep on their persons a copy of their GI-BMP certificate.