



ABOUT The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance License

Changes in the Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2006, make it easier for employees in landscape maintenance companies to get educated and licensed for spraying pesticides in landscape beds.

The license is called the *Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance License*. Erroneously, it has been called the "Roundup License" because so many of the license holders use it to spray (mainly) weeds in landscape beds.

Summary of Requirements and What This License Allows

Who must have this license?

Commercial landscape maintenance personnel who apply pesticides to plants beds and ornamental plantings.

Qualifications to take exam

Prior landscape experience not needed.

Required training to take the exam

6 classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental training.

Kinds of pesticides used

Fungicides, as well as herbicides and insecticides.

Proof of Insurance Coverage

Prior to issuance of certificate (license).

Signal Word of pesticides used

"Caution" only pesticides are allowed (no products with "Warning" or "Danger" signal words).

Turf (lawns, golf courses, parks, cemeteries, sod farms)?

NO! This license does not authorize any pesticide applications to turf. This includes "weed and feed" or other "combo" fertilizer products. You do not need a pesticide license to apply fertilizers to lawns.

Can you supervise other employees who apply pesticides?

NO! Each employee who applies the pesticide must be licensed. Application by unlicensed persons is not permitted.

Other license limitations

- Licensees cannot operate a pest control business
- Applicator is limited to portable handheld 3-gallon compressed air or 5-gallon backpack sprayers.

Examination

Applicator must pass an exam. The exams are proctored, closed book, and in English only. Call your county Extension Service for exam dates (Manatee 941/722-4524).

Record Keeping

Maintain records documenting pests and areas treated, plus methods and materials applied for control of pests. Records must be available for review upon request.

License Renewal

Annual renewal required

Recertify by:

- Retaking the exam; or
- Obtain 4 classroom hours of approved continuing education units

Fees

- \$150 testing fee
- \$ 75 annual license renewal fee

Insurance Requirements

Certificate of Insurance

- Bodily Injury \$100,000 each person & \$300,000 each occurrence
- Property Damage \$50,00 each occurrence & \$100,000 in the aggregate combined or single unit coverage; \$400,000 in the aggregate.

Responsible Agency and Address

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
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