



Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Rule, Chapter 1-15 Vehicle Decal Application Form

In order to qualify for an EPC-issued Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Vehicle Decal you must complete the rule-required BMP training and this form. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE DECAL.** By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information listed below describing the ways the EPC Rule is more stringent than the State Model Fertilizer Ordinance. The following is not an exhaustive list of differences, but the key differences that must be complied with in Hillsborough County:

- Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet from the landward extent of any surface water, including wetlands. [Section 1-15.07, Rules of the EPC]
- No more than four pounds of nitrogen (N) per 1000 ft² shall be applied in any calendar year. [§ 1-15.05(a)]
- In addition to other climatic prohibitions in the rule, applicators cannot apply fertilizers containing nitrogen (N) and/or phosphorus (P) to turf and landscape plants under the following conditions:
 - if it is raining at the application site or;
 - within 36 hours prior to a forecasted rain event greater than or equal to 2 inches in a 24 hour period. [§ 1-15.03]
- All commercial applicators and their supervisors, as well as government and institutional landscape applicators must complete an IFAS-approved BMP training program by July 20, 2011 or within 90 days of being hired, whichever is later. [§ 1-15.10(a)]
- No fertilizer containing phosphorus shall be applied to turf and/or landscape plants, except where a P deficiency has been demonstrated in the soil underlying the turf and/or landscape plants by a soil analysis test performed by a State of Florida-certified laboratory. [§ 1-15.05(b)]
- Nitrogen fertilizer shall not be applied before planting new turf or on newly established turf for the first 30 days. [§ 1-15.05(c)]
- Liquid fertilizers containing nitrogen applied to turf and/or landscape plants within Hillsborough County shall not be applied at a rate that exceeds 0.5 lbs/1000 ft² per application. [§ 1-15.05(d)]
- A vehicle decal indicating that the company is in compliance with the training and certification requirements must be affixed to all vehicles and/or trailers used by the company in connection with landscape maintenance activities and/or the application of fertilizer. [§ 1-15.10(d)]

I have read and understand the information presented here and understand that this training and decal requirement pertains to commercial, institutional, and governmental fertilizer applicators operating within Hillsborough County.

Print Applicant's Name: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Company / Address: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed form along with a copy of your BMP Certificate of Training to: EPC of Hillsborough County, 3629 Queen Palm Dr. Tampa, FL 33619 or send via email to: epcinfo@epchc.org. Your decal will be mailed to you. One decal per Certificate of Training.