



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

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Monday, August 4, 2014

Nursery Grower  
12345 Main Street  
Anywhere, FL 33333

Dear Nursery Grower,

Thank you for participating in Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) nursery best management practices (BMPs). FDACS recently adopted a revised nursery manual that now includes container and field-grown plant nurseries. The new manual, *Water Quality/Quantity Best Management Practices for Florida Nurseries (April 2014 Edition)*, is clearer and easier to use than our previous nursery manuals, and contains a few new practices. The new manual is located online at: <http://FreshFromFlorida.com/water/BMP/>.

**The rule adopting the new manual has specific requirements for nurseries enrolled under previous nursery FDACS BMP programs.** Please read the requirements below and send in the enclosed *Response Sheet(s)* as soon as possible so we can update your Notice of Intent to implement BMPs (NOI) and ensure that you are in compliance with the new rule. There is a response sheet included for each operation you have enrolled. A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

**Container nursery growers enrolled in FDACS BMPs under previous nursery manuals must either:**

(1) Submit a new NOI and BMP checklist under the 2014 nursery BMP manual and implement the BMPs on the new checklist, or

(2) Continue to implement the BMPs identified on the BMP checklist previously submitted and, by December 26, 2015, implement the new practices listed on the enclosed *Response Sheet* that are applicable to their operation.

**If your enrolled nursery includes field-grown/in-ground or cut foliage production, you must re-enroll under the new manual, even if part of it is a container operation.** Please indicate on the *Response Sheet(s)* whether you have in-ground production.

Again, thank you for participating in BMPs that help protect Florida's water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Budell".

Richard J. Budell, Director  
FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy

**RESPONSE SHEET FOR GROWERS ENROLLED IN FDACS NURSERY BMPS**

**FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ENROLLMENT IS UP TO DATE**

**OPERATION TYPE:**    Container only    In-ground only    Both

NOI #: <b>1234</b>	Print Corrections below
Operation Name: <b>Example Nursery</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
County: <b>County Name</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Acres Enrolled: <b>5.0</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Producer Name: <b>Nursery Grower</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Contact Name: <b>Nursery Grower</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Contact Address: <b>12345 Main Street</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
City, State, Zip: <b>Anywhere, FL 33333</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Contact E-mail: <b>grower@example.com</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change
Contact Telephone: <b>1234567890</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change

- I would like to receive a certificate of BMP enrollment for this operation.
- This operation is no longer in business.    This operation is in business under a different owner.

**If you have a CONTAINER NURSERY ONLY, check all of the statements below that apply to your operation. If your enrolled nursery includes in-ground production, we will contact you to assist with re-enrollment.**

**BMP 1A.2.13** - If your container operation has a watering station used to irrigate plants immediately after potting, collect runoff in a small basin, direct the runoff to an existing basin, or route runoff through an onsite vegetated treatment area.

- I am implementing this practice or will implement it by December 2015.
- I do not have a watering station.
- I need help in understanding or implementing this practice.

**BMP 2.1.1** - Install/maintain a minimum 25-foot, non-fertilized vegetated buffer upland of the landward boundary of all wetlands and lakes, unless you have a water management district permit that specifies a different buffer. For lakes that have an adopted TMDL for nutrients, expand the buffer to 50 feet.

- I am implementing this practice or will implement it by December 2015.
- There are no wetlands on my operation or within the boundaries stated in the BMP.
- I need help in understanding or implementing this practice.

**BMP 2.4.2** - Inspect wellheads and pads at least annually for leaks or cracks, and make any necessary repairs.

- I am implementing this practice or will implement it by December 2015.
- I do not have any wells on my operation.
- I need help in understanding or implementing this practice.

- Please update my *Notice of Intent to Implement BMPs* for this operation to include the BMPs checked above.
- I want to re-enroll my container nursery under the 2014 nursery BMP manual. Please have someone contact me.
- I want to enroll a different (not enrolled) nursery under the 2014 BMP manual. Please have someone contact me.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For assistance with BMPs, call (850) 617-1727 or email: [AgBMPHelp@FreshFromFlorida.com](mailto:AgBMPHelp@FreshFromFlorida.com)**