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Hello out there!

Just in case you were wondering:

When you go to another country always bear in mind that you are subject to their laws.

If you should find yourself abroad and in a situation where you would really like to strangle drivers that do not show up for days,
Resist at all costs!

For one thing it would probably be illegal and you may find yourself locked up for some time in questionable conditions.

In the very least it would be rude - though probably very relieving- and you should strive to display a good wholesome example of the USA when abroad.

I've just returned from a couple weeks in Venezuela studying termites as part of a UF tropical entomology class.

We stayed at the Rancho Grande biological station in Henri Pettier National Park. Fascinating!

My favorite part?

- 1) Meeting people breezing in and out of the station from all over the world- many of them studying insects
- 2) Practicing my meager Spanish, gaining confidence and learning more...

See more info here

<http://www.parkswatch.org/parkprofile.php?l=eng&country=ven&park=hpnp&page=res>

Green Industries Best Management Practices in Hillsborough County

August 27

September 24

October 28

See the flyer attached and at

<http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/BMP%20Flyer09dates.pdf>

Find your date and register here <http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/events/index.shtml>

BMP in Spanish August 12

Where or where are all the people for this training?

This is a rare opportunity!

If you need it take advantage of it!

See the flyer here <http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/BMP%20Flyer09Spanish.pdf>

BMP Train the Trainer August 13

Like to be a certified BMP trainer?

With the new requirement to have those applying fertilizer commercially BMP certified, it is going to take an army to get the job done!

Become a certified trainer by attending this program and teaching modules under supervision. **Please note you must already be BMP certified to become a certified trainer.**

See the flyer here

<http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/BMP%20Flyer09Trainthe%20Trainer.pdf>

SB 494 See the actual bill requiring certification here.

<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2009/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0494er.pdf>

Aquatics Program August 26

Hillsborough County Extension will host an Aquatics program August 26.

The flyer is not yet ready, but the program will be free and organized by others.

Put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more info.

Other New Info

Blog Blog Blog Blog Blog

See mine here

<http://greenteamsc.wordpress.com/>

It's not so new anymore and I have scored zero comments, but in case you are looking for snapshots on what's happening this is a good place to look.

It actually begins on the front page of www.prohort.net

I have just posted a job that I know of there...

Fee Increase for Pathology Samples

As of July 1, the fee for submitting a sample to any of the UF Pathology labs (including the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Balm) has been increased to \$40 to compensate for budget issues. The fee does include overnight shipping though which helps to ensure your sample arrives in good usable condition.

There is also a new form (see attached) which includes the option of reports tracking your sample via email. Also note, the labs will no longer be accepting samples on Friday so plan to get the sample in the mail by Wednesday.

New Weed Publications! Yahoo!

Check out a slew of them here:

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_series_weed_biology_and_management_in_turf
Including long needed Crabgrass!

Cool Biological Control News from ARS

Biological Control of Fire Ants making progress

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2009/090710.htm>

Biological Control of Old World Climbing Fern

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2009/090706.htm>

Heard about Ficus Whitefly?

Counties to our south seem to be having a rough go with ficus whitefly check out Doug Caldwell's blog on confusion regarding this pest here:

<http://dougsbugs-n-shrubs.blogspot.com/>

Other Upcoming Training

Limited Commercial Maintenance and Limited L&O Training

Required training for the "Roundup license"

Polk County Extension

August 25

Contact David Shibles at (863) 519-8677

Limited Commercial Maintenance and Limited L&O Training

Required training for the "Roundup license"

Hillsborough County Extension

Thursday October 8

See the flyer here [http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/Limited%20Flyer2009\[2\].pdf](http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/Limited%20Flyer2009[2].pdf)

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Arborist Training

Interested in becoming an ISA certified arborist?

Begins this September, but you must register by mid August

See flyer here

<http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/files/pdf/Arobrist%20Certification%20Training%20brochure.pdf>

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