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Hello out there!

I will be out for a while beginning tomorrow so I wanted to pass this along to you.

Florida Friendly Landscaping Bill is signed
From Esen Momol, UF Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program State Director

Governor Crist signed the SB2080 relating to Water Resources last week. A few highlights:

The new bill deletes references to "xeriscape"; requires water management districts to provide model Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ ordinances to local governments; each district shall use the materials developed by the FDEP, UF/IFAS and Center for Landscape Conservation & Ecology/ Florida Friendly Landscaping™ Program, including but not limited to Florida Yards & Neighborhoods (FYN) Home Owners, FYN Builder & Developers & the Green Industries Best Management Practices Program; the districts shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) & UF/IFAS if revisions to the educational materials are needed; a deed restriction or covenant may not prohibit or be enforce to prohibit any property owner from implementing FFL on his or her land; a local government ordinance may not prohibit or be enforced so as to prohibit any property owner from implementing FFL on his or her land; local governments shall use the standards and guidelines when developing landscape irrigation and Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ ordinances.

See the actual bill here

<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2009/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2080er.pdf>

To see info on Florida Friendly concepts see here

http://hillsborough_fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN_Principles.html

Does Florida Friendly mean no turf?

NO...

See article here regarding some confusion related to Florida Friendly.

<http://www.sunnewspapers.net/articles/llnews.aspx?articleID=13503&bnpg=0>

Florida Friendly concepts are a foundation for the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program, which began as a program targeted towards homeowners, but has since been expanded to cover other audiences.

You may have noticed that the newly revised BMP manual is called "Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries" so you should be familiar with the ideas if you have been to the BMPs.

You can order a copy of the Guide to Florida Friendly Landscaping here:

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/publications/search.php?subject=landscaping>

You may be able to order multiple copies by arrangement.-

They are directing you to email them on that page.

Download a copy here

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/publications/files/fl-friendlyhandbook.pdf>

See a handy online plant database here

<http://floridayards.org/fyplants/index.php>

Explore more here <http://floridayards.org/>

Homeowners Associations and Florida Friendly

Don't forget, Hillsborough County Extension has Lisa Strange, funded by SWFWMD, available for site visits and meetings with condo and HOAs interested in transitioning to Florida Friendly landscaping.

Contact her at (813) 744- 5519 x 142

BMP Training in Spanish

August 12

See the attached flyer.

BMP Train the Trainer

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.

I am particularly looking for those able to do the program in Spanish.

August 13.

See the attached flyer.

SB 494 See the actual bill requiring certification here.

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

Green Industries Best Management Practices in Hillsborough County

August 27

September 24

October 28

See the flyer 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>

See you on the flipped side!

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