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You may be surprised to be getting this newsletter. You may be expecting to hear from Dave Palmer or have been wondering when he would send out something new. Well, Dave has moved on to new things in Extension. Dave is going to be using his vast techie talents to help Extension agents use technology to serve their audiences. It's right up his alley and very much a needed skill in Extension!!

Limited Commercial Pesticide Licensing Changes

Have you wondered how practical it is to require three years of landscape maintenance experience before getting certified to do the job? Well you're not alone! Many people and organizations have questioned the logistics of finding and hiring people who already have three years of experience to do the job-nevermind people who would like to start a business off right by being certified up front.

Well happy news is here! The Legislature has passed long awaited revisions of Section 482 of Florida Pesticide Law.

Changes Are As Follows:

3 years experience no longer required
Training requirement has been reduced from 8 hours to 6.

Proof of insurance before certified (not before exam).

Fungicides with caution label can be applied to ornamentals.

Where Did Dave Go??

Who in the World is Mary Beth Henry??

If you haven't had a chance to check out my introduction on the Hot Topics page of www.prohort.net take a look! I'm from what was a small town in Michigan, about halfway between Detroit and Lansing. I grew up on a little farm, and had a very diverse produce stand for over 10 years. During that time I learned a lot about people and running a business. I graduated from Michigan State University in 2004 in Crop and Soil Sciences. After graduation, I completed an internship at The Land at Epcot.

I'm really excited to be working for Extension!! The future is wide open and I'm excited about the possibilities. In the near future I'll be putting together a survey to find out how the prohort website could be improved, and what kind of subjects would best serve your needs. I'm also interested in getting some classes off the ground and meeting everyone out there.

What Do I Do To Be Certified?

Even though the law has changed, there are still requirements that must be fulfilled to get the Limited Commercial Maintenance Certification.

You must have:

- ✓ 6 hours of training
- ✓ Pass Limited Commercial Exam - Costs \$150 and given at the end of training session

Check www.prohort.net and the enclosed calendar for upcoming training sessions.

- ✓ Certificate of Insurance DACS form 13654 showing proof of \$100,000 bodily injury coverage for each person and \$300,000 each occurrence; \$50,000 property damage for each occurrence and \$100,000 in total or combined single-limit coverage of \$400,000 in total

Now these are some hoops to jump through, but much more practical hoops than before!

Impact of 482 Changes

How will these changes affect you and your business? Most likely these changes reflect current inadequacies of the law and little will change in the day to day practices of your business if you are already have a Limited Commercial Maintenance Certificate. If you are not certified YOU SHOULD BE and the changes will make it more practical for you to do so.

Benefits of Being Organized

Many organizations have worked long and hard to accomplish these changes to 482! The time and effort put in arm wrestling/negotiating with law makers and others and the results speak volumes to the advantages of having and participating in professional organizations which represent your interests. People with common interests are stronger when united so consider which organizations represent you best and find out how you can get involved. Participation in professional organizations signals to your customers that you are serious and professional about what you do. It also signals that you are aware of the current trends which these organizations monitor.

Landscape Trade Organizations to Consider

Association of Horticulture Professionals 877-826-9818

www.allhortpros.com

Landscape Maintenance Association (LMA) 941-714-0459

www.floridalma.org

PLANET- Professional Landcare Network

www.landcarenetwork.org

FNGLA- Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association

www.fnga.org

“Creativity is not restricted to art. Use your mind to see new, untried ways to improve everything you do.” No Chairs Make For Short Meetings

Recent Questions - Fact is Stranger Than Fiction

I love the problem solving nature of Extension and your calls and visits help me keep current with what's happening in the field.

If you are considering contacting the office with some interesting question be **WARNED-** I may **talk about it here!** I will never include identifying information or use economically sensitive issues so please don't get too nervous. Hopefully you can learn from these questions and answers as well.

Did you know there are such things as lawn shrimp??

In fact there are! This small crustacean lives in the surface layer of mulch and can be found on doorsteps and in garages after escaping the rain. No treatment is advised in that they dry out and die quickly after appearing. Another cool feature- they turn red after they die! Check them out at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN377> .

Cicada Killer Wasps

Have your customers been asking about Cicada Killers lately? Cicada Killers are a very large ground hornet which burrows in to the ground where the female builds her nest. Cicada Killers are different from other wasps in that they are not social—they don't live in nests. The female paralyzes up to four cicadas to feed her offspring and carries them to the underground nest where she lays an egg on them.

Cicada Killers are actually considered a beneficial insect because they feed on cicadas which feed on plants. People are frightened at the large size of the insect and often assume they are aggressive, however cicada killers rarely sting. Females can sting when handled, but a little management can go a long way to discourage this wasp from setting up a nursery near you.

Exposed sandy soil is the perfect place for the nursery, so do what you can to cover these areas with grass or mulch. If they happen to set up near areas where children play, or other very inconvenient areas, there are labeled insecticides to do the job. Unless this is the case, live and let live! Let people know about the benefits of cicada killers - and the benefits of not applying pesticides unnecessarily! You can get more info at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/IN/IN57300.pdf> .

Hillsborough County Watering Restrictions Still in Effect

Unincorporated Hillsborough County is still under once a week watering restrictions due to the drought-like conditions this spring. These restrictions are scheduled to return to twice a week on August 3.

Call (813) 275-7094 for Message about restrictions (813) 272-6680 for Customer Service or visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org/water and click on Restrictions and Conservation. You can also visit City of Tampa and Plant City current watering policies at this site.

Wells, surface water, and utility-provided water are subject to these restrictions. The restrictions do not apply to reclaimed water. Hand watering and drip irrigation in beds may be done at any time. There are variances for new sod and watering may be done after professional chemical and fertilizer applications.

Under these restrictions watering must be done before 8 A.M. or after 6 P.M. Each area may only be watered once a day. Days are assigned by the last number in an address:

Ends in 0 or 1 – Monday

Ends in 2 or 3 Tuesday

Ends in 4 or 5 –Wednesday

Ends in 6 or 7 Thursday

Ends in 8 or 9 or mixed addresses, no address, office complex, shopping center Friday.

Your Turn!

This section of the newsletter is where I ask for your experience and comments on a particular subject. This will help me get ideas for future classes and how I can best be of service!

This newsletter:

I would like to invite you to comment on the direction I take in the future. I want to be sure that I put my efforts in places which are actually benefiting you. Let me know what you think! Email me at mbhenry@ufl.edu or call the office at (813) 744-5519 x 103.

I'm interested to know your thoughts on www.prohort.net and I'll be sending out a survey soon asking how it could be improved.

“You may think you don't have time to do it right, but you will always find the time to do it over.” - [No Chairs Make For Short Meetings](#)

2006 Horticulture Events Calendar

Date	Place	Info
July 13	Ft. Lauderdale	Arborist Safety and Productivity After the Hurricane Chainsaw safety; felling; climbing: PPE (954)370-3725
July 16	Sarasota	Africanized Honeybees (941) 861-5000
July 19	Largo	Pesticide Testing- Pinellas County Extension (727) 582-2100
July 19	Seffner	Worker Protection Standards- Train the Trainer CEUs (813) 774-5519 x 134
July 19	Citra	North Central Florida Turfgrass Field Day (352) 392-1831 x 374 http://turf.ufl.edu/fieldday.htm
July 21	Naples	Limited L&O Private & Govt Collier County Extension (239) 353-4244 http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/Horticulture/2006%20Training%20Schedule.htm
July 23-26	Jupiter Beach	89th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (954) 577-6363 http://www.flaentsoc.org/annual.htm
July 28	Seffner	Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Class and Exam CEUs (772) 562-1442

August

Date	Place	Info
Aug 1	Bartow	Pesticide Testing; Core Exam Prep; Natural Areas Exam Prep Polk County Extension (863) 519-8677
Aug 5	Largo	Eco-Gardening Conference FNGLA CEUs (727) 582-2673
Aug 8	Bartow	Landscape BMPs; Worker Protection Standards-Train the Trainer Polk County Extension (863) 519-8677
Aug 8	Seffner	Pesticide Testing- Hillsborough County Extension (813) 744-5519 x 103
Aug 11	Naples	Limited Commercial Pesticide Landscape Cert Collier County Extension CEUs (239) 353-4244 http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/Horticulture/2006%20Training%20Schedule.htm
Aug 12	Tavares	Limited Commercial Landscape Class and Exam Lake County Extension CEUs (772) 562-1442 http://bobkesslerceu.com
Aug 16	Largo	Pesticide Testing- Pinellas County Extension (727) 582-2100
Aug 25	Naples	Landscape Maintenance Series- Part 1 Pruning Collier County Extension Spanish (239) 353-4244 http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/Horticulture/2006%20Training%20Schedule.htm
August 29	Orlando	Arborist Safety and Productivity After the Hurricane Chainsaw safety; felling; climbing: PPE (407) 299-5581
Aug 29-30	Ft. Lauderdale	CPCO Annual Convention
Aug 30	Tavares	Review for the Ornamental/ Turf and Private App Agriculture Exams Lake County Extension (352) 343-4101 See the brochure at http://landscape.ifas.ufl.edu/pesticide%20training/PAT2006.pdf
Aug 31	West Palm Beach	Arborist Safety and Productivity After the Hurricane Chainsaw safety; felling; climbing: PPE (561) 223-1700

September

Date	Place	Info
Sept 1	Bartow	Pesticide Testing; Core Exam Prep; Aquatic Exam Prep Polk County Extension (863) 519-8677
Sept 12	Palmetto	Core Exam Prep and Testing Manatee County Extension CEUs (941)772-4524
Sept 12	Seffner	Pesticide Testing- Hillsborough County Extension (813) 744-5519 x 103
Sept 12- 15	Bonita Springs	FTGA 54th Annual Conference & Show - CEUs at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point see the Website http://www.ftga.org/
Sept 14, 15	Naples	O&T Preparation Collier County Extension Spanish (239) 353-4244 http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/Horticulture/2006%20Training%20Schedule.htm
Sept 19	Palmetto	Introduction to Landscape Irrigation Manatee County Extension (941)772-4524
Sept 20	Largo	Pesticide Testing- Pinellas County Extension (727) 582-2100
Sept 26	St. Petersburg	Arborist Safety and Productivity After the Hurricane Chainsaw safety; felling; climbing: PPE (727) 893-7326
Sept 28	Ft. Myers	Arborist Safety and Productivity After the Hurricane Chainsaw safety; felling; climbing: PPE (239) 432-2000
Sept 27- 30	Orlando	FNATS Registration on 28th http://www.fn gla.org/fnats/general.asp
Sept 29	Naples	Palm Lethal Yellowing History & Inoculators Class ISA & FNGLA CEUs Collier County Extension (239) 353-4244 http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/Horticulture/2006%20Training%20Schedule.htm