

Landscape Best Management Practices for Pinellas County-- In-house Training Program

The 3 hour training for *Landscape Best Management Practices* is a requirement of anyone providing lawn/landscape services (mowing, edging, tree services, debris management, etc.) within Pinellas County.

Certification is required per Pinellas County Ordinance #10-06.

As an alternative to sending all of your staff to the course offered by Pinellas County, an In-House Training Program has been developed for your business. This program can save you time and money by allowing you to designate employees as instructors and obtaining a CD they will use for training the *Landscape Best Management Practices* at your business office.

Details of the in-house training program

- Save time and money by training your own employees using a training CD at your location of choice
- All necessary training materials are provided to your designated instructor on the CD
- The CD is used in a computer and requires the trainer to read aloud to the employees the information on the screen and the notes provided on the CD.
- This is not a DVD for viewing; it requires the trainer convey information and discuss topics with the employees
- All employees trained in-house must complete their certification exam online (we provide link to website on CD)
- Employees must obtain a score of 75% or better on the exam and they must test INDEPENDENTLY
- Pinellas County will mail a certificate of training & a vehicle decal to employees who complete the certification
- Vehicle decals are placed on the exterior of the vehicle indicating the employee is trained and certified in Best Management Practices and authorized to perform landscape services within Pinellas County
- Any company may designate an English speaking and a Spanish speaking in-house trainer
- The trainer MUST have a valid email address for correspondence regarding the training/test results/etc.

How to qualify as an instructor

- Complete the 3 hour *Landscape BMP* class offered by Pinellas County with a 90% or better (in the language you plan to teach).
 - If you have already taken the 3 hour course, Pinellas County can look up your score and provide you a CD if you qualify
 - Or register for the next available 3 hour course at www.landscapebmp.eventbrite.com. The cost is \$15.
- If you are already certified in Green Industries Best Management Practices (GIBMP), you do not need to pay for the 3 hour course, however; you must attend a 3 hour class to observe the content and a CD will be provided to you. Follow the instructions below.
- If you are bilingual and you want to be a trainer in English and Spanish, you can attend the 2nd language class free of charge, unless you are already GIBMP certified then you can attend both English and Spanish 3 hour classes free of charge
- The CDs are free to all instructors

Request to become an instructor for your company

Send an email to watershed@pinellascounty.org and include “certified trainer request” in the subject line. In the email message include:

- a. First and Last name,
- b. Company name,
- c. Company mailing address,
- d. Company phone,
- e. Your Email address (without an email address you cannot be an instructor)
- f. If you are GIBMP certified: provide your certificate #, and the date/time of the 3hour class you plan to attend for free
- g. If you are not GIBMP certified: provide the date/time of the 3 hour class for which you are registered

Questions? Contact Watershed Management at 727-464-4425