

Pesticide Information

The State of Florida issues licenses to Restricted Use Applicators, Limited Category Pesticide Applicators, as well as, Pest Control Operators. There are actually two separate offices which issue these license and they are the Pesticide Certification Office and the Bureau of Entomology & Pest Control.

Here in Brevard County we offer all of the tests EXCEPT those given for Pest Control Operators. Those tests are only given once a quarter by The Bureau of Entomology & Pest Control. All of the other tests to acquire a license are offered monthly.

The following tests are offered under the Pesticide Certification Office. No prior application or fee is required to take the tests listed below. Just come in and take them until all are passed.

General Standards ** This test is needed in conjunction with at least one other category listed below, EXCEPT the Antifouling Paint that is taken for spraying the bottom of boats.

Ornamental and Turf - For those working on golf courses or taking care of parks, cemeteries, ground, etc.

Right of Way - For spraying along roadsides.

Aquatic - For spraying ponds and drainage ditches.

Private Applicator - For farmers, citrus landowners, nurserymen.

Natural Area Weed Control - Invasive exotic control in public parks, etc.

Public Health - For mosquito control.

Aerial 1 & 2 - For applying pesticides from a plane.

Agricultural Row Crop.

Demonstration & Research.

Brevard County does offer three tests for the Bureau of Entomology & Pest Control and they are the Limited Structural, Limited Lawn & Ornamental and the Limited Commercial Lawn Maintenance.

Both Limited Structural and Limited Lawn & Ornamental are for employees who are working around or in buildings where the public is welcome. An application along with a check must be sent to Tallahassee prior to testing. A letter is then sent to the applicant that states they are approved to take the appropriate test. That letter must be brought the day of testing or no test can be will be administered.

The Limited Commercial Lawn Maintenance is for anyone in the landscape maintenance profession who performs "the act of pest control." This means if you are spraying a herbicide like Roundup to control weeds (a pest) in a flower bed you must carry this license to be legal. In addition to mailing in an application and check prior to testing you must also receive 8 hours of training. Brevard County offers the 8 hours of training every other month. As with the other limited tests a letter must be brought the day of testing.

The phone number for the Pesticide Certification Office is (850) 488-3314.

The phone number for the Bureau of Entomology & Pest Control is (850) 921-4177.