

So you want to apply pesticides to ornamentals and turf in Florida . . .

There are two laws — the *Florida Pesticide Law* (Chapter 487) and the *Florida Structural Pest Control Act* (Chapter 482) — which define the license categories that affect the application of pesticides to both turf and ornamentals in Florida. The type of license you need is determined by (a) the type of location where the pesticides will be applied: commercial vs. residential; ornamentals vs. turf and (b) your employer.

Under Chapter 482, a pesticide license is **required** for both general use and restricted-use pesticides. Under Chapter 487, a license is required **only** when restricted-use pesticides are being purchased and applied.

If you have questions, please contact your local county extension office.

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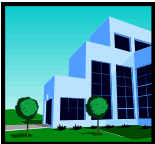


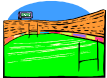



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Directions to the John D. Campbell Ag Center: Take the Florida Turnpike (Homestead Extension) **south** to Caribbean Blvd. exit (**Exit 12**). Turn **right** (west) and go to **U.S. 1** (~3 blocks). Turn **left** on U.S. 1. Go **south** ~11 miles to **SW 288th Street** (Biscayne Dr.). Turn **right** (west) on **SW 288th Street**; go ~4.5 miles to **SW 187th Avenue** (Redland Rd.), a 4-way stop sign. **OR** Take the Turnpike to SW288th Street exit (Exit 5). Turn **right** on **SW 288th Street** and go ~4.8 miles to **SW 187th Avenue**. The John D. Campbell Ag Center is on the **southwest** corner.



License Requirements for Lawn & Ornamental / Ornamental & Turf Pesticide Applicators in Florida

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License	Applicator Category	Application Site(s)	Exam Prerequisite / Exams Required
¹ Commercial Certification Lawn & Ornamental Category (L&O) Chapter 482	Commercial Pest Control Operators. (PCO) 	Contract applications to Residential, commercial and government properties.  Both turf & ornamentals can be treated. Power equipment can be used.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years related employment. Or degree + 1yr employment - \$225 paid 3 months in advance. - Lawn & Ornamental Exam - <i>Given 4 times/year in Winter Haven. Call (850) 921-4177 for an application.</i>
² Limited Certification Lawn & Ornamental Category (L&O) Chapter 482	Government employees Business owners and their employees 	Owner / employee application to government and private business properties including: schools, hospitals, condos, club houses, gated communities, hotels, restaurants, etc. Does not include: parks, athletic fields or golf courses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment with eligible entity (government/business) - \$75 prepaid each time exam is taken. - Limited L&O Exam - <i>Exam given at your local Extension office</i>
² Limited Certification Commercial Landscape Maintenance Chapter 482	Commercial landscapers. 	Home or commercial landscapes. No applications to lawns. Hand-held equipment only . Signal word of <i>Caution</i> only . Use of pesticides in ornamental areas only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 years related employment plus 8 hour class & proof of insurance - \$75 prepaid each time exam is taken. - Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Exam - <i>Exam given at your local Extension office</i>
³ Ornamental & Turf Category (O&T) Chapter 487	Commercial or public applicators (golf courses parks, cemeteries, athletic fields) Contract spraying at plant nurseries (not by an employee of the nursery) 	Golf courses, parks, athletic fields and cemeteries.     For hire at plant nurseries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No prerequisites - Ornamental & Turf Exam + General Standards Exam must be taken and passed for certification - <i>Exam given at your local Extension office</i>

¹Commercially certified licensees may supervise other pesticide applicators.

²Limited certification licensees may **not** supervise any other pesticide applicator.

³O & T Licensees may supervise up to 15 pesticide applicators.