

Pesticides, Herbicide & Fertilizer Minimization Procedures

Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony

The permit requires annual review, and revision if needed, of written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and plans (i.e. public education and outreach, training and inspections) and should be noted in the Jupiter Inlet Colony Annual Report Form.

In accordance with our MS4 permit, the Colony continues to endeavor to minimize its use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on public property. The procedures used to achieve this are outlined below. Currently, contractors perform these services for the Town.

Pesticides & Herbicides:

Only personnel and contractors who have proof of certification and licensing by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for the application of pesticides and herbicides, are allowed to apply these products.

Fertilizers:

All personnel and contractors who apply fertilizers must demonstrate proof of training through the Green Industry BMP Program. In addition, contracted applicators are required to prove certification for “urban landscape commercial fertilizer application.”

Annually, or more often, training on the proper storage and handling of these products is provided to all relevant personnel. Typically, relevant personnel are required to attend the Palm Beach County joint training event where EXCAL employee training videos on stormwater pollution prevention are shown. These trainings videos can also be shown at the [Colony's Town Hall](#) ~~Water Utilities offices~~ for the purposes of staff refresher training.

A list is maintained of all personnel and contractors who have received training, licensing, certification, and annual refresher training.

Joint Public Education Program:

The three public education elements in the permit (“Pesticide, Herbicide & Fertilizer Minimization Plan”, “Illicit Discharge Plan”, and “Hazardous Waste Disposal Plan”) are conducted as a joint program supported by all permittees. Please reference the program description in the Joint Annual Report and/or on the website (www.pbco-npdes.org).

In addition, the [ColonyVillage](#) has adopted Florida-friendly Landscaping requirements (Code of Ordinances, [Chapter 19, Article II, Section 21-24](#)~~Division 4, Section 78-394~~) to clarify design standards and general provisions to be adhered to within the [ColonyVillage](#).