

Handbook of Florida Water Regulation: Contact Agencies¹

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Preface

This handbook is designed to provide an accurate, current, and authoritative summary of the principal federal and state (Florida) laws that directly or indirectly relate to agriculture. This handbook provides a basic overview of the many rights and responsibilities that farmers and farmland owners have under both federal and state laws as well as the appropriate contact information to obtain more detailed information. However, the reader should be aware that because the laws, administrative rulings, and court decisions on which this handbook is based are subject to constant revision, portions of this publication could become outdated at any time. Several details of cited laws are also left out due to space limitations.

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Florida Agencies

S-1. Florida Water Management Districts

Southwest Florida Water Management District
 2379 Broad Street
 Brooksville, FL 34609
 (352) 796-7211
<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>

South Florida Water Management District
 3301 Gun Club Road
 Post Office Box 24680
 West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680
 (561) 686-8800
<http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/sfwmdmain/hom%20page>

St. Johns River Water Management District
 4049 Reid Street (Highway 100 West)
 Post Office Box 1429
 Palatka, FL 32178
 (386) 329-4500
<http://floridaswater.com/>

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Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 362-1001
<http://www.srwmd.state.fl.us/>

Northwest Florida Water Management District
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333-4712
(850) 539-5999
<http://www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us/>

S-2. Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-2011
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/>

Division of Administrative Services
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-2307
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/admin/>

Division of Air Resources Management
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
(850) 488-0114
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/>

Division of Environmental Resource Permitting
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
(850) 488-0114

Division of Waste Management
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4500
(850) 245-8705
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/>

Division of Water Resource Management
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-8336
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/>

S-3. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Farris Bryant Building
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301-1600
(850) 488-4676
<http://myfwc.com/>

S-4. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
The Capitol, Plaza Level Ten
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800
Toll free (800) 435-7352
(850) 488-3022
<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/>

Division of Standards
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite E
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 488-0645
<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/standard/>

Division of Forestry
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite J
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 488-4274
<http://www.fl-dof.com/>

Division of Agriculture and Environmental Services
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite F
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 617-7900

Division of Administration
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-6249
<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/admin/>

Office of Agricultural Water Policy
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 617-1700
<http://www.floridaagwaterpolicy.com/>

S-5. Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Onsite Sewage Programs
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Suite 240
Building 4042 (Bin#A08)
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1713
(850) 245-4070
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/ostds/>

S-6. Florida Department of Community Affairs

Florida Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-8466
<http://www.dca.state.fl.us/>

S-7. Florida State Emergency Response Commission / State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

Florida State Emergency Response Commission
Florida State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100
(850) 413-9969
<http://hazmat.floridadisaster.org/>

EPA National Offices and Telephone Numbers

F-1. Safe Drinking Water Hotline

Provides information on EPA drinking water regulations and programs

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, EST

Toll free (800) 426-4791 [closed on federal holidays]

F-2. RCRA/CERCLA (Superfund) Hotline

Provides information on RCRA and CERCLA and responds to document requests

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, EST

Toll free (800) 424-9346 [closed federal holidays]

To request information on Superfund Information Systems (e.g., Superfund Site Information, Record of Decision System (RODS), Five-Year Reviews Online, etc.), including information on National Priorities List (NPL) sites, use online form at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/phonefax/index.htm>

F-3. Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA)

Provides information about planning and preparation involving accidental releases of toxic chemicals

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, EST

Toll free (800) 424-9346

F-4. TSCA Assistance Information Service

Provides information about toxic substances and compliance with TSCA regulations, and supplies publications and other materials to aid in compliance

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST

(202) 554-1404

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm>

F-5. National Pesticide Information Center

Provides information on pesticides and pesticide poisonings

Monday - Sunday, 9:30 am - 7:30 pm, EST

Toll free (800) 858-7378

F-6. Florida Administrator of EPA Pesticide Registration

Bureau of Pesticides/Division of Inspection
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
3125 Conner Blvd., Building 6
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 617-7870

Numbers Within EPA Region 4 (Includes Florida)

L-1. General Information for Region 4

United States Environmental Protection Agency
61 Forsyth St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(800) 241-1754
<http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region4.html>

L-2. Hazardous Waste Compliance Section

United States Environmental Protection Agency
RCRA Enforcement, Tenth Floor
61 Forsyth St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8579

Supervises compliance with RCRA and resolves citizen problems dealing with hazardous waste management

L-3. Groundwater Section

Dealing with Groundwater Pollution, including violations of SDWA
(404) 562-9424

L-4. Emergency Superfund Branch

Handling response to spills and other CERCLA/RCRA issues
(800) 424-8802
(404) 562-8700 for spills

L-5. Clean Water Act Facilities and Performance

Branch/Compliance Section
Dealing with compliance to Clean Water Act
(404) 562-934

Water Permit and Enforcement Section
Permitting: (404) 562-9304
Enforcement: (404) 562-9770

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