



Just 12 of the Issues that FPMA is Working *for You!*

1. Supporting Statewide Fertilizer Legislation

To avoid hundreds of overlapping and conflicting regulations, FPMA is working with local and state governments, IFAS turf specialists and other industry groups to pass legislation for a statewide, enforceable model fertilizer ordinance based on the widely-recognized greens industry's Best Management Practices.

2. Monitoring Local Fertilizer Regulation Activities

In pursuit of the goal of statewide fertilizer regulation, the association's Green Industries Task Force will support this effort by:

- Gathering, organizing and disseminating information on local fertilizer ordinances and responding to their introduction at a local level.
- Creating a clearinghouse for local fertilizer ordinances for reference by FPMA members.
- Working with the Department of Environmental Protection, IFAS and the FPMA Education Committee on the development of BMP training for use by the association and its members.
- Communicating with the Government Affairs Committee and acting as an informational resource for the ongoing effort to pass statewide fertilizer legislation.
- Building coalitions of industry groups in pursuing the causes of the association and its members in the green industries.

3. Creating a WDO Baseline Practices educational module

The Education Committee created a training module inclusive of the Baseline Practices document and the new 13645 WDO inspection form based on the Government Affairs subcommittee recommendation. Attendees of the training received a computer-ready form that can be completed on screen and saved.

4. Serving on the Research Advisory Council

FPMA is a member of this important entity that helps IFAS researchers address real world problems faced by pest management companies.

5. Serving on the Fumigation Advisory Council

Fumigation regulations, insurance availability and product stewardship are a few of the ongoing issues that FPMA addresses with fellow Council members.

6. Serving on the Pest Control Enforcement Advisory Council (PCEAC)

FPMA members provide oversight and input into the regulatory activities and enforcement efforts of the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control.

7. Serving on UF Termite Training Center curriculum development team

A significant financial contributor in the building phase of this centrally-located educational resource, FPMA continues to work with IFAS in developing curriculum for hands-on training for termite technicians.

8. Monitoring all legislative activities; Legislative Day in Tallahassee

With a professional lobbyist, FPMA monitors legislation that could impact pest management business, promoting good bills and fighting bad ones at the state capital. Association members educate their own legislators about their profession at annual Legislative Days in Tallahassee and Washington, DC.

9. Supporting full funding for DACS and IFAS

With a state budget billions in the red and the prospect of severe cuts to agency funding, FPMA is actively supporting the full funding for DACS-to maintain their vigilance over illegal operators-and for IFAS-to preserve its industry and public educational programs and research efforts.

10. Recruiting services for members' businesses

FPMA is continuously recruiting new companies as Allied members to offer products and services that allow members to operate their businesses more profitably and efficiently. Such strategic alliances are true "win-wins" for the Association, Allied companies and pest management members.

11. Improving the Profession's Image through Public Relations

Working with DACS, IFAS and the Professional Pest Management Alliance of the National Pest Management Association, FPMA is helping to craft a public relations campaign that will convey a positive image of the pest management industry to the public.

12. Building Healthy, Helpful Relationships

With almost 140 monthly meetings in 16 local regions, FPMA members network, problem solve and learn from each other in friendly, informal settings... spouses and female professionals get their own time together through their free enrollment in the Professional Women in Pest Management.