

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. I'm renovating a building for my new business. Do I need to contact DEP?
2. I am starting a business that involves spray painting. Does DEP regulate this activity?
3. I intend to open a dry cleaning business. Do I need a permit?
4. I use a lot of water in my business and I have a well on my property. Can I connect the well to my potable water line?
5. My drinking water tastes funny. Do I contact DEP?
6. I have three delivery vans for my business. Can I change my own oil?
7. What should I do with vegetative waste from my landscaping business?
8. How can I reduce the time to receive an Environmental Resource Permit to construct in waters or wetlands?
9. Why does the water in the canal look green and thick?



Doing Business with DEP

State agencies are required to purchase commodities and services from only those vendors registered in the on-line procurement system

MyFloridaMarketplace. If you are interested in doing business with the DEP and you have not had the opportunity to register, please log on to the website to complete the registration process.

<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com>



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BUSINESS GUIDE



The natural environment is the lifeblood of our state's economy. The DEP wants to work with you to protect, conserve and manage Florida's environment and valuable natural resources. The DEP's South District focuses on issues facing the region which includes Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Highlands, Glades, Lee, Monroe and Sarasota counties. The District's main office in Fort Myers and a branch office in the Florida Keys provide regulatory expertise including permitting, compliance and enforcement and technical assistance for the following programs:

- **Air Resources** including major and minor air pollution sources as well as monitoring for airborne particulate matter and ozone levels
- **Water facilities** including drinking water, domestic and industrial wastewater, groundwater and underground injection control
- **Waste Management** including solid and hazardous waste, petroleum storage tanks, and waste cleanup
- **Environmental Resource Permitting** is responsible for resource protection as well as regulatory and proprietary issues involving submerged lands



*To learn more,
please contact
DEP or visit
our website.*

The Department also assists with non-regulatory programs including

Watershed planning and water resource issues, **Clean Marina** and **Green Lodging Programs**.

KNOWLEDGE TEST ANSWERS

1. Renovation or demolition of a commercial building requires an asbestos survey and a notification to the Department's Air Program.
2. Spray painting operations may require an air permit and/or hazardous waste notification.
3. Specific air and hazardous waste regulations apply to dry cleaning operations and registration with the Department is required.
4. Cross connection of a well and a potable water system is absolutely prohibited. Always contact the utility before making any connections. A permit from our Water Facilities Program may be required.
5. If you are on a public water system you should contact our Water Facilities Program with concerns about water quality. If you are on a private well, call your local Health Department.
6. Used oil or filters generated by businesses should be recycled through an appropriately registered hauler and specific containment and labeling requirements do apply and can be found on our Waste Program website. Many small businesses find it more convenient to leave engine maintenance to a commercial automotive facility.
7. Vegetative wastes should be disposed of at facilities registered with DEP. You can apply for registration to manage the material at your landscaping business if the site is appropriately zoned and meets specific requirements. Contact our Waste Program.
8. Utilizing Self-Certification or scheduling a pre-application meeting can reduce the time to receive an Environmental Resource Permit to construct in waters or wetlands. Contacting us to discuss your project or checking the website for helpful information can also reduce delays.
9. Algae blooms could be caused by excess nutrients such as fertilizers in stormwater runoff. Contact us to learn more about watershed protection efforts.

DEP Launches Online Business Portal

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s new online business portal is now open for business. Many licenses, permits, reservations and subscription services can now be easily navigated from the portal, with more to come.

The business portal also allows users to sign up for agency publications and permit notifications, follow contaminated site cleanup, and make campsite reservations at Florida's 160 state parks.



**SBEAP Hotline
Number**
1-800-722-7457



The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) is an integral part of the Bureau of Air Monitoring and Mobile Sources (BAMMS).

SBEAP was established by Title V of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The program provides technical and regulatory assistance to small businesses.

Although SBEAP is primarily air focused, staff either provide direct assistance on air, water, and waste questions or refer them to other Florida Department of Environmental Protection divisions.