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Operator Certification (FTC) for Writing Nursery Nutrient Management Plans for Nursery, Greenhouses and Controlled Environments
February 15, 2017
9 to 3:30 PM
University of Maryland Research Greenhouse Complex
4252 Terrapin Trail, Building 398
College Park, MD 20740

Nursery Operator Certification (FTC) for writing nursery nutrient management plans will be offered to growers who are interested in attaining Farmer Training Certification for writing nutrient management plans. This training program will assist you in writing a nutrient management plan for your nursery or greenhouse operation. You must write a nursery nutrient management plan if you use fertilizers and you gross $2500 or more per year in sales. With this certification, you will be able to sign-off and submit your own plan and annual implementation reports.

Each program consists of a Training Day and an Exam/Signoff Day. The Training Day, **Wednesday, February 15th**, will consist of learning the plan-writing process. After the Training Day you will have about 5 weeks, during which time you will study the Nursery Nutrient Management Training Manual and develop your plan. The Exam/Signoff Day on **Wednesday March 29th** will be at the **Maryland Department of Agriculture**. This will also be for going over your newly developed plan (or renewing your old plan). Nutrient Management Consultants *interested in learning nursery plan writing* can attend and receive 6 CEUs.

The process is relatively simple for small (or low-risk) operations, so if your operation size is less than 5 acres, we would strongly encourage you to think about becoming a certified operator. If your operation is larger than 5 acres, we would still encourage you to become a certified operator, even though the nutrient management process may be a little more complicated.

The cost for this program is $40.00, which covers lunch, parking and the MDA exam fee and should be paid on the first day of the program (February 15th). Checks can be written to **University of Maryland.** If you wish to register, please do so by **February 10th**.

Send an email to mike.webster@maryland.gov. In the email, state that you are registering for ***Nursery FTC***.

Contact Andrew Ristvey at 410-827-8056 x113 or aristvey@umd.edu for instructions on getting your parking pass, or for any other questions.

Directions to the University of Maryland Research Greenhouse Complex:

- Travel south on RT 1 from the US 495 Washington DC Beltway (Exit 25).
- From RT 1, exit to the right on RT 193 and proceed to the light at Metzerott/Paint Branch
- At light, make a left onto Paint Branch
- Turn right at Terrapin Trail and immediately turn left, staying on Terrapin Trail. The Comcast Center will be to your left and Greenhouse to your right.
- Park in the parking garage at the top of the hill.
- Walk to the front entrance of the Research Greenhouse Complex. The meeting room is to your right as your enter the front doors.

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