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**SUBJECT: Delayed 2011-2012 Renewal Notices**

Florida is delaying the mailing of biennial 2011-2012 pesticide re-registration applications until late January or early February, 2011. This delay is required to allow time for changes to the database to generate the paper 2011-2012 renewal notices. All of your current product registrations will remain active (past the December 31, 2010 date) in the State of Florida until 70 days after you are mailed the biennial renewal notices. Thereafter, nonpayment of renewal fees for applicable products will result in product(s) in the channels of trade in Florida being out of compliance and subject to additional late fees and other penalties.

You need not wait until receipt of the renewal notices to pay your registration renewal fee, in fact, we strongly encourage you to pay electronically for your 2011-2012 renewal fees at our e-Gov website. Payment can be made with American Express, Master Card, Visa, Debit Card or Electronic Check (no convenience fees charged), at the Pesticide Product Brand Registration link found at [http://www.freshfromflorida.com/business.html#online\\_payments](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/business.html#online_payments). To obtain an account for on-line payment, click on the "Sign Up" link. The information needed is your name and email address. After you receive an activation email with your pin number, follow the email instructions for the e-Gov website.

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF FLORIDA PESTICIDE FEES: ADVANTAGES



The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has expanded your choices for making electronic pesticide fee payments. In response to requests from registrants, we have added American Express to the list of payment options for online electronic payment of pesticide registration fees and supplemental fees. You can now pay fees electronically with the following options:

- *American Express*
- *MasterCard (Credit or Debit)*
- *VISA (Credit or Debit)*
- *Electronic Check*

### ADVANTAGES OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

Like other agencies, FDACS is grappling with significant legislative budget cuts. This has reduced our Department's ability to promptly handle mail and process checks, which in turn is leading to delays in processing registration actions. We anticipate that this situation will become more difficult in the future, with expected delays of weeks for manually posting receipt of payments by checks. Fortunately, electronic payment circumvents these problems and offers many advantages:

- *Enables payment of re-registration prior to receiving renewal notice;*
- *Provides multiple payment options;*
- *Prompt processing of fees and acceptance of registration;*
- *Immediate receipt acknowledging payment and confirming the submission;*
- *Eliminates manual payment processing errors;*
- *Frees Registration Section staff to address pressing registration needs.*

### ELECTRONIC PAYMENT ENCOURAGED

Clearly, electronic fee payment offers significant benefits to both registrants and the Department, so much so that we may need to limit future registration fee payment solely to the electronic system. In the meantime, to automatically expedite processing of fee-related registration actions in Florida, *we strongly urge registrants to use only the electronic fee payment system.*

### TO ACCESS ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

Electronic payments can be made by accessing the Pesticide Product Brand Registration link found at: [http://www.freshfromflorida.com/business.html#online\\_payments](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/business.html#online_payments)

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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