

GADSDEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Aquatic Weed Control Cost Share Program

What is the Aquatic Weed Control Cost Share Program?

The purpose of this program is to assist private landowners in their efforts to control infestations of troublesome and invasive aquatic weeds in ponds they own and manage. The weed control cost share program will accept applications beginning immediately and until further notice, and is funded by the Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District (GSWCD).

Landowners are eligible to receive cost share equaling 75% of the cost of the herbicide and any necessary adjuvants, with a maximum of \$3,000 per qualified applicant. Labor, cost of application and equipment are not eligible for the cost share.

Funding for this program is limited; when the funding is depleted the program is complete. Applications will be reviewed at the monthly GSWCD meetings.

Who is eligible for cost share funding?

Any private landowner within Gadsden County who has at least one acre of land with a pond on it is eligible to participate in this program. Land must be within Gadsden County and must be on the Gadsden County Property Appraiser website property roll, verifying applicant ownership of the pond to be treated for aquatic weeds. Plants on the attached list are eligible for cost share assistance. Please note: When applying herbicides it is important to remember that the label is the law. Off-label or unapproved use will not be funded. The person making the application is completely responsible for proper use. It is recommended that applicators keep thorough records showing where and when applications are made as well as any other pertinent information.

Thank you for your interest in the program. Landowners are encouraged to contact the local Extension Office at (850) 875-7255 for assistance with aquatic weed identification and/or treatment recommendations.

How can you apply?

Applications are currently being accepted and will be reviewed at the regular GSWCD meeting which is typically held the 3rd Monday of each month. Please submit your applications at least one week prior to their meeting date. Submission of the Request for Reimbursement form authorizes access to enrolled property for follow-up purposes.

Please direct all inquiries and submit applications to:
Gadsden County Extension Office
2140 West Jefferson Street
Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 875-7255

Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District does not accept any liability for inappropriate use of herbicides.

Aquatic Plants Commonly Found in Small Impoundments in Gadsden County

Floating

- Duckweed
- Watermeal
- Azolla
- Common Salvinia

Emersed

- Alligatorweed
- Watershield
- Water Lilly (several different species)
- American Lotus
- Bacopa
- Cattails
- Water pennywort

Submersed

- Coontail
- Variable-leaf milfoil
- Brazilian elodea
- Hydrilla
- Bladderwort (several species)
- Bog moss
- Naiad (several species)
- Fanwort (several species)
- Variable-leaf pondweed

Sedges, Grasses, and Rushes

- Southern watergrass
- Maidencane
- Soft rush

Algae

- Filamentous algae
- Planktonic algae
- Chara

NOTE: This list is not comprehensive; additional plant problems may be considered for participation in the cost-share program.

**GADSDEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AQUATIC WEED CONTROL
COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant/Landowner Name: _____

Physical/Property Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pond Acres: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Did you follow all applicable Silvicultural/Agricultural Best Management Practices on your property?

BMP Manuals can be found at:

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Agricultural-Water-Policy/Enroll-in-BMPs/BMP-Rules-Manuals-and-Other-Documents>;

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/Best-Management-Practices-BMP>

Are all legal owners of the property, with clear title to the property, listed on the above application?

Please list additional owners here:

Contact Person (if designated)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ST _____

Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. Parcel map (Gadsden County Property Appraiser's website, <http://www.qpublic.net/gadsden/search.html>) showing legal ownership.
2. Photographs (with dates) showing the pond weed problem.
3. Application management plan describing, at a minimum, application techniques and chemical names and amounts. Plan must include language indicating that the Landowner/Landowner's Agent takes full responsibility for herbicide application and has assessed all potential consequences of the application.
4. Management Map showing pond application area and property access.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT

1. Spray records indicating dates, amounts and names of chemicals, and method of application.
2. Original receipt for herbicide; date must be after approval of cost-share application.
3. Follow-up inspection to monitor effectiveness and impact of the program.

Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District retains the right to request additional documentation as it deems necessary.

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I have read and agree to abide by the terms of the program to receive cost-share assistance and take full responsibility for herbicide application and have assessed all potential consequences of the application.

Each legal owner must provide his/her signature.

Property Owner(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

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REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Address of property: _____

Total spent: _____

Landowners are eligible to receive 75% of the cost of herbicide/adjuvants, up to \$2,000

Please attach:

- _____ Copy of management plan
- _____ Original receipt of herbicide
- _____ Detail of spray records
(dates, amount & names of chemicals, method of application)
- _____ Pictures after treatment

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

For Internal Use Only

Request received _____

Approved for payment: YES _____ NO _____ **

**Comments _____

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____

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Application Checklist

Applicant Name: _____

Parcel map _____

Before photos _____

Management plan _____

Management map _____

Comments: _____

Request for Payment

Spray records _____

Receipt _____

After photos _____

Comments: _____
