



Migrant

FARMWORKER HOUSING

What you need to know

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The Migrant Farmworker Housing Program works to protect the health and safety of the people living in migrant farmworker housing. The program also helps to reduce the number of migrant farmworkers exposed to unhealthy conditions where they live and work.

Do I need a permit for migrant farmworker housing?

Any person who is planning to construct, enlarge, remodel, or convert a property for use or occupancy as a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing must apply for a permit. Applications can be obtained from the Environmental Health Office at your Local County Health Department.

Are there any application fees?

Yes. Application fees vary depending on the number of occupants you will be housing. The Environmental Health staff can help you determine those fees.

Will a permit be issued, and for how long?

Yes. If a County Health Department finds that the housing meets standards, then the Health Department will issue a permit. The permit, unless sooner revoked, expires on September 30 after the date of issuance.

How do I know housing is safe?

Environmental health specialists regularly inspect the housing and investigate complaints to ensure that required housing standards are maintained. The standards relate to safety and sanitation of migrant farmworker housing.

What happens after an inspection?

After environmental health specialists conduct the inspection, the owner or operator will be notified of the violations found. When a major deficiency is found and reported to the owner or operator, a maximum amount of time will be given to make satisfactory corrections.

What is a major deficiency?

It is considered a major deficiency to have one or more violations that would cause an immediate threat to public health or cause a serious risk of injury.

What happens if violations are not corrected?

When violations have not been corrected, a citation may be issued to the owner, supervisor, or operator of the farmworker housing. When a responsible person cannot be identified, any of the above may be cited.

The owner and operator's responsibilities. The owner and operator are responsible for complying with all statutory requirements and rules relating to migrant labor camps and residential migrant housing. These requirements and rules can be found in **381.008-381.00897, F.S. (Florida Statute)** and **Rule 64E-14 F.A.C.**

How can I get more information?

If you have questions about the migrant housing program rules and regulations, please contact the Environmental Health Office at your Local County Health Department, or access the World Wide Web at <http://www.myflorida.com> and search for migrant farmworker housing.

