



Plant Managers Training Course

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

March 27, 2018
New York New York
Las Vegas, NV

Course Overview:

After 3 years of effort to update the mulch testing protocols in NIST Handbook 133, the changes became effective this year. NIST has scheduled 4 training programs for state inspectors when only 1 is usually offered every other year; so, *increased training of state officials is likely to trigger increased inspections using the updated test protocols this spring.* Industry knows proper product packaging is necessary to maintain a fair and competitive market; so, now is the time to make sure you know what to do in a plant inspection.

Under-filled product packages represent a significant liability to manufacturers for lost profits, state penalties, off-sale products, disruption of business and lost customers -- **YOU CAN EVEN GO TO JAIL.** If your company is not prepared for a major round of state compliance inspections, immediate action is recommended. You must begin updating practices and training of plant personnel immediately because **THE MARKET SITUATION WILL SOON CHANGE.**

The MSC Weights & Measures training course is the first step in a major, nation-wide campaign to assure package compliance! The MSC is presenting this special course on W&M practices and procedures with emphasis on package requirements, inspection test procedures, test containers and in-plant quality control programs for new plant managers and those who want to refresh their knowledge on this critically important issue.

Who Should Attend

- Every **plant manager** of a mulch and/or soil packaging plant should attend this program.
- Company **owners not familiar** with weights and measures regulations should attend.
- **MSC members and non-members may participate.**

Course Objective

This course will instruct plant managers on the legal requirements for compliance with weights and measures laws, inspection procedures, provide instruction on lot controls, package fill, inventory control for inspections, and common errors made. An inspection demonstration of current mulch and soil test procedures will be conducted.

**Limited Seats Available
- Make Your Reservation
Today!**

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Program Schedule

8:00a NIST Regulations

Product Definitions, Method of Sale, Average & Individual Package Requirements, Sampling Plans, Test Procedures, Inspection Lots, Random & Alternative Package Selection, Test Container Specifications.

Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC, Shallowater, TX

8:45a Penalties and Alternatives

"Off Sale" & "Removal" Orders, Criminal & Civil Penalties, Detention and/or Arrest, Customer Disruption, Media Coverage & Brand Credibility, WAMIS Listing, Re-labeling, POP Signage, Discount to Packaged Quantity.

Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC, Shallowater, TX

9:15a Inspection Guidelines

Manufacturer's Responsibilities, Inspector's Responsibilities, Retail Vs. Plant Inspections.

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9:45a Break (included in registration)

10:00a Conducting An Inspection

Mulch & Soil Product Fill Test Demonstration, Reading & Recording Data.

Instructor: Shelli Williams, MSC, Shallowater, TX

10:30a Bulk Product

Issues with Bulk Loads, Determining/Documenting, Loading Procedures, Customer Education.

Instructor: Don Dugger, ScottsMiracle-Gro, Lawrenceville, VA

Workshop Location

Our meeting will be held at the New York New York hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

Room Reservations

The New York New York is extending a special room rate of \$69.00 (+ a \$30 resort fee & taxes). You will be sent a reservation link upon confirmation of your registration.

Deadlines

Registration for the workshop must be received at the MSC office by March 16, 2018. Space is limited and all registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Submit one registration form for each participant.

11:30a - 1:00p Lunch on Your Own

1:00p Determining Target Fill Level

Product Variability, Test Results on Mulch Run, Test Results on Soil Run, Target Fill.

Instructor: Bill Fonteno, NC State University, Raleigh, NC

1:45p Equipment Effects

Equipment maintenance will affect packaging results. This section will look at how equipment operates and the effect of that operation on package variability.

Instructor: Dian Mullis, Hamer-Fischbein, Plymouth, MN

2:30p Best Manufacturing Practices

Setting Equipment, Determining Bag Size, Setting Line Speed, Quality Control Testing, Operator Training, Setting Lot Criteria and Lot Numbering, Record Keeping, Plant Inventory Control for Inspections.

Instructor: Bill Fonteno, NC State University, Raleigh, NC

3:15pm – Labeling Guidelines & Issues

What managers and designers need to know about package labeling laws to avoid fines and product "stop sale" penalties.

Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC, Shallowater, TX

4:30p Course Ends

**Workshop Registration: \$300 Members
\$550 Non-member**

Only advanced, prepaid registrations will be accepted. The registration fee covers:

- All Class Instruction
- Course Handbook
- Coffee Breaks
- Completion Certificate

Travel to the seminar, hotel accommodations and meals are not included in the registration fee.

Plant Managers Training Registration Form

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New York New York, Las Vegas, NV

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Credit Card

Type of Credit Card: VISA MC AmEx

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

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