

■ **PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS (*FIELD SANITATION*)**

TERMS: Where 5 to 10 farmworkers are performing hand-labor operations at one location at one time, their employer must provide them with certain sanitation facilities.

Toilet and Handwashing Facilities — There must be one toilet and one handwashing unit provided for the workers' use. The toilet unit and the handwashing unit must be next to one another and located within a 1/4-mile walk from any worker's place in the field. Where conditions make it difficult to place the sanitation facilities within that distance limit, they must be located at the point closest to the field where entry by vehicles is still possible.

The toilet unit must have screened ventilation openings and self-closing doors that can be locked from the inside. The handwashing unit must be supplied with clean, sanitary water, along with soap or other cleanser and single-use hand-drying towels. There must also be a waste container nearby for the used towels.

Drinking Water — Drinking water must be readily available to the workers. The water must be clean, sanitary, suitably cool and in sufficient amounts, taking into account the air temperature, humidity and the nature of the work performed. Unless bottled water is provided or water is provided by means of a fountain, water containers must be made of durable, non-absorbent material and be supplied with single-use cups; the use of common drinking cups is prohibited.

ENFORCEMENT: *Migrant Farmworker Housing Program, Environmental Health Division, Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850-245-4250)*. Representatives of this agency, as well as county health department staff, may conduct inspections of field sanitation facilities at random.