

# MFL CERTIFIED GROUP TIP SHEET

AN OVERVIEW OF GROUP  
MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES,  
REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE REPORT PESTICIDE USE

**Online**— Visit the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “Chemical Use Reporting”

**By Mail**— Send your report including your first and last name, MFL order number, township and county where land is located, chemical used, volume used (concentrate and diluted), dates of application and target species to:

**MFL Pesticide Report**  
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## GROUP MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ **Comply with MFL statutes and regulations**
- ✓ **Allow auditors access to your MFL lands**
- ✓ **Maintain and follow your forest management plan**  
Certification requires following your management plan and that your plan match the conditions on the ground. You may need to amend your management plan following major natural disturbances or changes to your management objectives.
- ✓ **Pesticide use**  
Forest certification encourages forest management strategies that minimize the use of chemicals. **The use of *Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP)* is PROHIBITED.**
  - Chemical applicators should complete training and follow all applicable safety precautions.
  - Store and dispose chemicals in a safe and environmentally appropriate manner.
  - Monitor chemical application for effectiveness or unintended consequences.
  - Keep a record of the chemical, volume used (concentrate and diluted), dates of application, target species, application method, and effectiveness.
- ✓ **Follow Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices**  
See MFL Certified Group Webpage section for links to the online publication library.

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## MFL CERTIFIED GROUP WEBPAGE

The Wisconsin DNR website provides an excellent resource for landowners. With links to several topics, the MFL Certified Group webpage is a great starting point for learning more about forest certification.

To take the first step, scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone or enter the URL in your web browser to visit the MFL Group Forest Certification webpage.



[dnr.wi.gov/tiny/676](https://dnr.wi.gov/tiny/676)

## GROUP MEMBERS CAN FIND THESE RESOURCES AND MORE ONLINE

### ✓ **Forest Tax Law Handbook (2450.5)**

Chapter 21 of the Forest Tax Law Handbook provides details and guidelines for MFL Group Certification, specifying roles and responsibilities for landowners, the DNR, and partners.

### ✓ **American Tree Farm System® (ATFS®) Certification Standards**

The American Forest Foundation's Board of Trustees approved the 2021 ATFS® Standards of Sustainability on Nov. 11, 2020 and enacted them on Jan. 1, 2021. These new Standards will replace the 2015–2020 Standards of Sustainability. The MFL Certified Group will continue to conform with the 2015–2020 standards for 2021 and transition to the 2021 standards beginning 2022.

### ✓ **Wisconsin Forestry Best Management Practices Library**

### ✓ **Pesticide Guidance**

### ✓ **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) Certification Standards**

The FSC® US Forest Management Standards recognize the scale and intensity of small forest management operations. These standards contain regional requirements, guidance indicators, and language developed specifically for Family Forests. In early 2018, FSC US began revising the FSC US Forest Management Standard (v1.0), expected to culminate in 2022.

### ✓ **MFL Certified Group Opt In / Out**

Participation in the MFL certified group is voluntary, not required for MFL designation. The website provides more information on opting in or out of the certified group.

## LOGO USE

If you are planning to use ATFS® and FSC® logos, please email [MFLForestCertification@wisconsin.gov](mailto:MFLForestCertification@wisconsin.gov) to request a review of your use of the FSC logo. The DNR must obtain approval from the certifying bodies for all uses of the FSC logo.



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