

New DVD Release!

Solving the Melaleuca Problem

Working together, diverse government agencies have provided a long-term integrated management solution for melaleuca in Florida. *Solving the Melaleuca Problem* is a DVD produced by the Agronomy Department, the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, and the Martin County Cooperative Extension Service, all part of the University of Florida-IFAS, as a product of the TAME Melaleuca project. Funded by the USDA Agriculture Research Service, the hour-long program is organized into four segments – The Invasion; In Our Environment; Containment and Control; and Melaleuca Mulch. The target audience is the general public and, more specifically, homeowners in southern Florida with melaleuca trees on their property. The segments are rich in detail and practical information, yet not so technical that the interested homeowner or concerned citizen cannot understand them.

The DVD begins with “The Invasion,” an informative overview and history of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* in South Florida.

“In Our Environment” is an in-the-field interview with Dr. Ken Langeland, a University of Florida-IFAS Professor with the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. It defines the issues and problems surrounding melaleuca in the Everglades, other parks and in citizen backyards.



“Containment and Control” illustrates various government agencies’ roles in melaleuca research and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in natural and urban areas, the options for homeowners, and descriptions of step-by-step tree removal from private property, through interviews with Ken Langeland and Dr. Paul Pratt, a USDA/ARS Research Scientist. IPM, including biological controls, herbicides, and mechanical methods, is presented as a long-term containment tool.

“Melaleuca Mulch,” the final segment, describes how the trees are converted into sanitized and environmentally-safe landscape mulch.

The DVD may be obtained from Mr. Fred Burkey of the UF-IFAS Extension Service, fburkey@ufl.edu, 772-288-5654. 60 minutes. 2007.

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