



**AUTHORIZED GOPHER TORTOISE AGENT
PERMIT APPLICATION
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
620 S. Meridian St., Mail Station 2A, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600**

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT REQUESTING PERMIT:

NAME: _____ DATE OF APPLICATION _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE # _____ STATE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: () _____ FAX: () _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (IF APPLICANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL) _____

To provide more timely exchange of information please check this box:

I authorize FWC to send me requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by either e-mail or express delivery. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by either e-mail or express delivery.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a wildlife violation or crime involving cruelty to animals? YES NO

If yes, please explain and list the type of violation cited and the county/state where the violation occurred: _____

Have you ever had a wildlife-related permit suspended or revoked? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable State, Federal, and local laws. Finally I hereby confirm by signature that I have read the FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines (April 2008) and will comply with all provisions stipulated therein.

Have you previously been issued an authorized gopher tortoise agent permit? Yes No

If yes: Permit number _____ Expiration date _____

Please check appropriate box(es) for this current application submittal:

- New application (please include \$500 mitigation contribution)
- Amend an existing issued authorized gopher tortoise agent permit:
 - Additional activity(ies) qualifications for an existing permit (no additional mitigation contribution required).
- Additional information for a previously submitted authorized agent application in response to a FWC request for additional information (R.A.I.). Please attach a copy of the FWC R.A.I. (no additional mitigation contribution required).
- Re-application for a revoked authorized gopher tortoise agent permit (please include \$500 mitigation contribution)

Note: Checks for mitigation contribution must be made payable to: [Wildlife Foundation of Florida](#). Mitigation contributions support gopher tortoise conservation actions specified in the Gopher Tortoise Management Plan. An application will be considered incomplete if a stipulated mitigation contribution is not submitted.

Authorized Agent Activities (check applicable gopher tortoise guideline requirements [training and experience])

Applicant must specify qualifications for each activity requested in this application. Please add additional pages to document these qualifications as needed.

The authorized agent listed in a permit application for relocating gopher tortoises, must meet all minimum qualifications and skills, and be permitted to perform all activities associated with the relocation of gopher tortoises or recipient site activities (these requirements do not apply to applications for 10 or Fewer gopher tortoise burrow permits):

The authorized agent listed in a permit application for a recipient site must be qualified to conduct gopher tortoise transect surveys).

Qualification Requirements:

1) conducting gopher tortoise transect surveys

2) bucket trapping of tortoise burrows to capture tortoises

3) live trapping of tortoises

4) hand-shovel excavating of tortoise burrows to capture tortoises

5) marking, transporting and releasing of tortoises at recipient sites

6) collecting blood samples from tortoises for URTD testing

7) supervising backhoe excavation of tortoise burrows for tortoise extraction (must also meet the minimum qualifications and be permitted for hand-shovel excavation of tortoise burrows to capture tortoises)

8) using a pulling rod to remove tortoises from their burrows

Do you want any "assistants" listed on your permit?

YES

NO

Agents are responsible for the actions of their assistants performing gopher tortoise activities under this authorization. See the permitting guidelines for the requirements and restrictions that apply to Authorized Agent assistants.

If yes, please provide the following information for each proposed assistant:

Name	Address	Phone Number	E-mail Address
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Completed application:

- _____ Applicant's signature
- _____ Copy of the FWC R.A.I. (if applicable)
- _____ Completion documents for eligible training
- _____ Qualifications documents

**Mail completed application and all supporting documentation to:
Gopher Tortoise Permit Coordinator
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 S. Meridian St., Mail Station 2A, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
(850) 410-0656, ext. 17327**

Mail a second complete copy of the application and supporting documentation to the regional gopher tortoise permit biologist noted on the gopher tortoise contact list for the county of the applicant's mailing address.