The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has detected a population of giant African land snails on your property. This invasive exotic species is a nuisance, a public health threat and a major agricultural pest. To prevent the further spread of giant African land snails, it will be necessary to apply a metaldehyde-based molluscicide (snail bait) on your property. Multiple applications over a period of time may be required. Any molluscicide product that will be used is available to the public at retail garden centers.

With your signed permission, we will return within 7-14 days to treat your property and we will notify you 24 hours in advance. These treatments and the notifications thereof will continue until the snails are eradicated.

Eradication of giant Africans land snails is critical because they are considered one of the most damaging/nuisance land snails in the world. They feed on over 500 plant species including ornamental landscape plants, beans, peas, cucumbers, carrots, onions, potatoes, spinach, broccoli, cabbage and melons. If no plant material is available, they will feed on plaster, stucco or concrete for calcium to build a bigger shell. The giant African land snail can reach a length of 8 inches, but can be present in smaller immature stages. Adult snails lay up to 1,200 eggs annually.

Public health concerns also surround this snail because they are known to carry a parasitic nematode which can cause a form of meningitis in humans. The Center for Disease Control has recently confirmed the presence of the nematode in giant African land snails in Miami-Dade County. Because of these health concerns the following steps are recommended: use protective gloves when handling snails and wash hands thoroughly afterwards; wash produce well before eating and do not consume raw snails.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please fill in the information below and call our helpline at 1-888-397-1517 to arrange to have the form picked up.

I, ___________________________________________ certify that I am the owner or resident of the property located at:

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ADDRESS AND/OR PARCEL #

and consent to treatments and yard debris clean up due to the giant African land snail infestation in my area.

Signature ____________________________________________ Print Name ____________________________________________ Date ________________________

☐ Refusal  ☐ No Contact

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