



Pinellas County Fertilizer Ordinance

Weather and Seasonal Restrictions

No Nitrogen or phosphorous may be applied to turfgrass or landscape from **June 1st to September 30th** or any time of the year if the *National Weather Service* has issued any of these advisories:

- Severe thunderstorm warning or watch
- Flood warning or watch
- Tropical storm warning or watch
- Hurricane warning or watch
- Or if rain greater than or equal to 2 inches is forecast within the next 24 hours

Fertilizer Content and Application Rate

- Apply fertilizers at the recommended rate per Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industry.
- Use no more than four pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square foot per year.
- Do not apply phosphorous unless a phosphorous deficiency is documented by a soil test.
- No nitrogen can be applied to new turfgrass or new plantings for 30 days.
- Granular fertilizers containing nitrogen must be 50% or more slow release nitrogen and up to one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet can be applied per application
- Liquid fertilizers containing water-soluble nitrogen applied to turfgrass or landscape cannot exceed one half pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet application.

Impervious Surfaces (Concrete or Asphalt) and Mode of Application

- Any fertilizer on any impervious surface must be completely removed or swept/blown back on the landscape.
- Fertilizer must be kept out of storm drains, ditches, drainage conveyances, roadways or surface waters.
- Spreader reflector shields are required on broadcast or rotary spreaders; deflector shields must be positioned to deflect fertilizer away from all impervious surfaces and waters.
- Mow so that the mower shoot faces away from all impervious surfaces or water.

Fertilizer Free Zones

- Keep fertilizer 10 feet away from the top of the bank of any surface water, landward edge of a seawall or a designated wetland.

Management of Vegetative Material (Grass Clippings, Leaves, Yard Debris etc.)

- Keep all vegetative materials out of stormwater drains, ditches, drainage conveyances, surface waters or roadways. (Compost it, bag it, or sweep/blow it back on to the yard.)