

# THIS SUMMER GIVE YOURSELF AND YOUR LAWN A VACATION.



**The misuse of nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizers on our lawn or landscape plants causes serious water quality problems.**

Too much nitrogen and phosphorous feeds algae and lowers oxygen levels threatening fish and other aquatic animals, as well as our way of life — boating, fishing, playing and relaxing by the water.

Twice is nice. By fertilizing just twice a year, in April and October, you'll save time and money on lawn watering and mowing, giving you AND your lawn a vacation!

**Following these recommendations can help protect:**

- Clearwater Harbor
- Tampa Bay
- Boca Ciega Bay
- Lake Seminole
- Lake Tarpon and all our local waters

For more information about fertilizing like a Floridian, follow the flamingo to **[www.befloridian.org](http://www.befloridian.org)**.




24-hour stormwater violation hotline: (727) 464-5060

**Thanks for doing your part to protect our water quality!**



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# DEAR NEIGHBOR

Volunteers are helping to raise awareness of protecting our waterways by distributing this door hanger to inform you of the countywide fertilizer ordinance.



Regulations limit the types of fertilizers used in Pinellas County to help protect our waterways.

**Say NO to nitrogen and phosphorus from June 1 to Sept 30.**

The good news is there are lots of ways to keep your yard looking great while keeping algae-feeding nitrogen and phosphorus out of our waterways.

- **Pump some iron.** Green up your yard with Florida-friendly yard products containing iron or other micronutrients.
- **Get better dirt.** Add compost or other soil amendments.
- **Keep the clippings.** Leaving clippings on your lawn can supply up to 50% of the nitrogen your grass needs. Keep yard waste off paved areas!
- **Pick better plants.** Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ needs less fertilizer, water and overall care — leaving you more time for fun! [www.floridayards.org](http://www.floridayards.org)



**Is your landscaper certified?**

**When you do fertilize:**

- **Watch the weather.** Rainstorms don't "water in" fertilizer, they wash it away. That wastes money and pollutes our water.
- **Sweep it up.** Whisk any fertilizer granules that fall onto pavement back into the landscape.
- **Perfect 10.** Keep fertilizer at least 10 feet away from any body of water.



**Is your fertilizer applicator licensed?**

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