

NEW

Pinellas County Fertilizer Ordinance

Weather & Seasonal Restrictions

No nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied to turfgrass or landscape :

From June 1 through September 30th,

or any time of 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 \geq 2 inches is forecast within 24 hours.

Fertilizer Content & 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 sq. ft. per year.
- Do not apply phosphorus unless a phosphorus deficiency is documented by a soil test.
- No nitrogen may 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 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. can be applied per application.
- Liquid fertilizers containing water-soluble nitrogen applied to turfgrass or landscape cannot exceed 1/2 pound nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. per 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 to the landscape.
- Fertilizer must be kept out of stormwater drains, ditches, drainage conveyances, roadways or surface waters.
- Spreader deflector 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 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 material out of stormwater drains, ditches, drainage conveyances, surface waters or roadways (compost it, bag it or sweep/blow it back on to the yard).

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