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## ***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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