

Things to look for in your lawn maintenance company

Do they ...

- Display the required BMP Training Certification Decal on their equipment? (required after September 18, 2008).
- Use a minimum 50% slow-release nitrogen fertilizer product?
- Apply no more than the maximum allowable amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus?
- Use a deflector shield on all broadcast fertilizer spreaders?
- Remove grass clippings from the roadway, storm drains, and ditches?
- Promote the benefits of a low maintenance zone around water bodies?
- Maintain a 10' fertilizer-free zone around water bodies and wetlands, or three feet with a deflector?
- Refrain from applying nitrogen and phosphorus from June 1st-September 30th

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What you need to know about

Charlotte County's Fertilizer Ordinance



Ordinance No. 2011-017

The Charlotte County Fertilizer Ordinance was written in 2008 to allow for maintaining healthy landscapes while still keeping our water clean. The Ordinance was amended in 2011 with two important changes:

- No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied from June 1st to September 30th (Restricted Season) to turf or landscape plants.
- Additionally there is now a limit of no more than 4 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year total.

Phosphorus Applications

Shall not exceed 0.25 pounds per 1,000 square feet at each application, and shall not exceed a total of 0.5 pounds per 1,000 square feet per year.

Nitrogen Applications

Nitrogen fertilizer must contain at least 50% slow-release nitrogen. NOTE: State of Florida regulations allow a maximum of 0.7 pounds of readily available (soluble) or one pound of total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet may be applied at any one time to turf.

Deflector Shields

If fertilizing within 3-10 feet from a water body or wetland, a deflector shield must be used on all broadcast spreaders. Fertilizer may not be applied within three feet of the water body or wetland.

Grass Clippings

No grass clippings, vegetative material, or vegetative debris may be deposited in stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, or roadways.

Low-Maintenance Zone

A 6-foot low maintenance zone of landscape plants appropriate to preventing fertilizer runoff is recommended for any water body or wetland

Fertilizer-Free Zone

Fertilizer may not be applied within 10 feet of any water body or wetland (or 3 feet if a deflector shield is used). No fertilizer may be applied to impervious (non-porous) surfaces, and any spillage must be removed.

Commercial Fertilizer Applicators

All applicators of fertilizer (except homeowners on their own property) must receive training and certification in a Charlotte County-approved Best Management Practices (BMP) training program.

Contact Charlotte County Extension Service (941.764.4340) for training opportunities.
<http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu>

Enforcement

Enforcement actions will take place through the use of county code enforcement procedures or civil penalties.


This Ordinance applies to both homeowners and those who apply fertilizer commercially within unincorporated Charlotte County

What To Look For On Your Fertilizer Label

% of Total N as Slow-Release Nitrogen (SRN) =

$$\frac{7}{14} \times 100 = 50\%$$

(Meets 50% SRN Charlotte County Requirement)



GUARANTEED ANALYSIS	
TOTAL NITROGEN (N).....	14.00 %
14.45% Urea Nitrogen (N)*	
SOLUBLE POTASH (K ₂ O).....	26.00 %
SULFUR (S) Total.....	19.70 %
10.50% Free sulfur (S)	
9.20% Combined sulfur (S)	
IRON (Fe) Total.....	0.96 %
0.19% Water Soluble Iron (Fe)	
MANGANESE (Mn) Total.....	0.48 %
0.1% Water Soluble Manganese (Mn)	
DERIVED FROM: Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea, Sulfate of Potash, Iron Oxide, Manganese Oxide.	
CHLORINE (Cl) Max.....	2.00%
*7.00% Slowly Available Urea Nitrogen from Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea.	