

# Seminole County Fertilizer Ordinance

## Important Notice to Commercial Fertilizer Applicators



*This notice is for anyone who applies fertilizer for payment to any landscaped area unless exempt under Section 270.471 of the Seminole County Fertilizer Ordinance.*



### REQUIRED CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

All Commercial Applicators must complete the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries (GI-BMP) or other approved Training Program. This training program is administered by the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service.

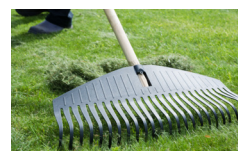
All Commercial Applicators must possess, at all times when applying fertilizer, evidence of certification as a current Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Landscape businesses must provide proof of completion of an approved training program to obtain or renew a Seminole County business tax certificate.



### SEMINOLE COUNTY FERTILIZER ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Fertilizers containing phosphorus are prohibited unless a soil test from the University of Florida shows a deficiency.
- Nitrogen fertilizers must contain a minimum of 50% slow release N. This requirement will increase to 65% in 2020.
- A maximum of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. shall be applied in any single application.
- No fertilizer shall be applied within 15 feet of any waterbody or wetland.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer applications are prohibited during the restricted period from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer applications are not allowed on saturated soils or within 24 hours of a rain event.
- Any fertilizer spilled onto impervious surfaces must be immediately removed and either applied to the landscaped area or placed in the original container. Fertilizer must never be swept or washed into drains or waterbodies.
- Fertilizer spreaders must be equipped with a deflector shield to prevent fertilizer from being applied to impervious surfaces.
- Grass clippings must never be swept, washed or blown into drains, sidewalks, roadways or waterbodies.



**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FERTILIZER ORDINANCE CAN RESULT IN PENALTIES.**



Want to learn more? Visit [www.seminolecountyfl.gov/fertilizer](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/fertilizer) or call 407-665-5575.