

Fertilizer Management Ordinance
Orange County Code Chapter 15 Article XVII

NOTICE

Effective March 1, 2010, Orange County approved a more stringent fertilizer application rules than the Statewide Urban Turf Rule

KEY ELEMENTS:

1. Broadcast spreaders must be equipped with a deflector shield to deflect fertilizer pellets away from impervious surfaces, waterbodies and buffer areas.
2. No fertilizer shall be applied within 10 feet of a lake, pond, stream, water course, canal or wetland as defined in Chapter 62-340 FAC.
3. Nitrogen in fertilizers must contain at least 50% slow release formulations. Commercial applicators may apply at a rate not exceeding ½ pound of readily available nitrogen per thousand sq. ft., still conforming to other parts of this section (see the ordinance for more details).
4. ALL commercial applicators (as defined in Section 15-801) shall provide proof of successful completion of the Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices certification program as provided by the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) within the past 3 years. Visit <http://ocextension.ifas.ufl.edu> for details of the training.
5. Landscape businesses must provide proof of successful completion of a county-approved training program to obtain or renew an Orange County local business tax certificate (see 4 above).
6. There shall be no application of fertilizer to turf, containing nitrogen or phosphorus, during the restricted period from June 1st through September 30th, except by commercial applicators certified pursuant to Section 15-809 or homeowners who have completed one of the educational program options found on the Orange County website at: www.ocfl.net/epd.
7. Grass clippings and/or vegetative material/debris shall not be deposited, inadvertently or intentionally, into any public right of way, stormwater drain or other water conveyance.
8. A copy of the Orange County fertilizer ordinance may be found at: www.ocfl.net/epd

Formal enforcement actions will not be initiated until after March 1, 2011. You are encouraged to comply with the requirements immediately.

For more information contact the Orange County Environmental Protection Division at
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