

FACT SHEET

Fertilizer Amendment

HELP REDUCE ALGAE/POLLUTANTS IN OUR CANALS

The City of North Port encourages you **TO NOT FERTILIZE YEAR ROUND** to protect our canals, which are our primary drinking water supply.

The fertilizer ordinance PROHIBITS FERTILIZING TURF GRASS BETWEEN APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30.

HELP REDUCE ALGAE FORMATION

Prevent fertilizers washing into our waterways. Don't fertilize when heavy rains are expected. Don't spill fertilizer onto pavements, driveways and sidewalks. Don't apply fertilizer within 10 feet of the edge of water in a swale, pond, stream, canal, or top of bank whichever is further from water.

HELP REDUCE POLLUTANTS

Blow grass clippings back onto the lawn. Please do your part and pick up your pet's waste. Don't dump oil and other garbage in the drainage system. Use a deflector shield on rotary broadcast spreaders to prevent fertilizer from entering the canals.

COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FERTILIZER APPLICATORS (NOT HOMEOWNERS)

Shall produce a copy of their Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices training certificate to enforcement staff if observed performing fertilizing activity.

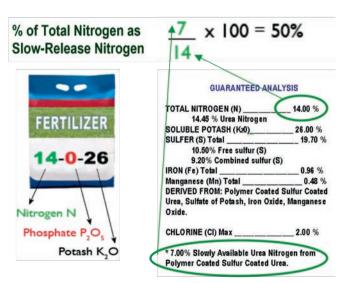
ENFORCEMENT

A fine up to \$500 can be imposed per offense.

For more information, or to view the Ordinance, please visit NorthPortFL.gov/Fertilizer.

FERTILIZER TYPE

Must have 50% or higher, slowrelease nitrogen. See example below on how to read a label.



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