

Summary of Manatee County Fertilizer Ordinance 11-21 (eff. date 6/2/11)



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Restricted Season	No application of N or P products between Jun 1 and Sep 30
Weather Restrictions for Applications	No application of N or P if a Severe Thunderstorm, Flood, Tropical Storm, or Hurricane Watch or Warning is in effect; or if heavy rain (>=2" in 24hr) is forecasted
Retail Sale	No restrictions
Application Amount Restrictions-Phosphorus	No phosphorus application unless soil tests show deficiency
Application Amount Restrictions–Nitrogen	Follow lowest recommended rates in <i>Florida Green Industries BMPs</i> with no more than 4 lbs/1000 ft ² /yr. Liquid N shall not exceed 0.5 lbs/1000 ft ² /application
Slow Release Fertilizers	All granular fertilizer shall contain no less than 50% slow release nitrogen
Other Application Restrictions	No nitrogen first 30 days of new turf or landscape plants
Fertilizer-Free Zone	No fertilizer within 10' from the top of bank of any surface waterbody, wetland, or seawall
Application Vehicle Decal and Placarding	All applicator-owned trucks must have county-issued decal
Ordinance Exemptions	Golf courses (must follow <i>Env Quality on FI Golf Courses</i>); Specialized turf (must follow <i>Florida Green Industries BMPs</i>); Right-to-Farm Act sites; pastures used for livestock grazing; vegetable gardens; fert. produced from Manatee County sewage
Low Maintenance Zone	6' from any waterbody, wetland, or seawall (recommended)
Grass & Landscape Debris	Must not be washed, swept, blown, or deposited into stormwater conveyances or roadways
Application Method restrictions	Any fertilizer applied/spilled/deposited on impervious surfaces must be immediately removed. Broadcast spreaders must be equipped with deflector shields
Commercial and Institutional Applicators Training, Certification & Licensure	Must obtain the Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Fertilizer Application under s. 482.1562 Florida Statutes w/in 365 days of ord. adoption
Non-commercial Applicators Training, Certification & Licensure	Encouraged to follow IFAS FYN recommendations
Landscape Personnel Training, Certification & Licensure	Supervisors/mgrs must obtain approved BMP training from county w/in 545 days of ord. Employees must receive county or employer-provided BMP training (reciprocity with equiv. training in other counties)
Reclaimed Water	Reduce fertilizer use where reclaimed water is used (recommend.)
Enforcement	To provide a reasonable period for compliance, no enforcement proceedings shall be initiated for 365 days from ordinance adoption; warning notices possible

Notes: *Florida Green Industries BMPs* - Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources the Green Industries (FDEP, 2008)
Env Qual on FI Golf Courses – Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses (FDEP, 2007)
Urban Turf Rule - Rule 5E-1.003(2) F.A.C. Labeling Requirements for Urban Turf Fertilizers (FDACS, 2007)
Florida Green Industries BMPs and the *Urban Turf Rule* nitrogen application recommendations are equivalent.