

Did you know the City of Fort Lauderdale prohibits fertilizing in the summer?

No one shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus to turf and/or landscape plants during the prohibited application period (June 1st – September 30th)

Additional information about the City's Fertilizer Ordinance



Fertilizers applied to turf and/or landscape plants shall be formulated and applied in accordance with requirements and directions as provided on the fertilizer bag.



Any fertilizer applied, spilled, or deposited, either intentionally or accidentally, on any impervious surface shall be immediately and completely removed to the greatest extent practicable.



Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland. Caution shall be used to prevent direct deposition of nutrients into the water.



In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept, or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, or water bodies.



Spreader deflector shields are required when fertilizing via rotary (broadcast) spreaders. Deflectors must be positioned so that fertilizer granules are deflected away from all impervious surfaces, fertilizer-free zones, and water bodies, including wetlands.



Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a noncriminal infraction. The fine structure is defined in Sec. 11-25-civil penalties.

For more information, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov.

