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Florida Friendly Products



Is your fertilizer OK for spring and fall? Is your yard product summer-safe? [Click here](#) for a list of products that comply with fertilizer laws in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, Brevard and Volusia Counties and nearly every city therein.

Fertilizers in Compliance With Local Fertilizer Ordinances

Below is a non-exclusive list of locally sold fertilizer brands and types that comply with the fertilizer ordinances. There may be other manufacturers and brands that comply with the ordinance and this list is provided simply to offer a *sampling* of what is offered by area merchants in their efforts to protect the Indian River Lagoon.

To be in compliance, the fertilizer must contain no phosphorous and be at least 50% slow release nitrogen (SRN). The fertilizer content is listed on each label as three numbers, #-#-#. This corresponds to the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash: respectively N-P-K.

Fertilizers in compliance sold locally	Content	% Slow Release N
Bayer Advanced Weed & Feed	35-0-3	50
TurfGro Pro Turf Fertilizer	16-0-8	50
TurfGro Pro Weed & Feed	16-0-8	50
TurfGro Pro Turf Fertilizer with Insect Control	15-0-15	50
TurfGro Pro Turf Fertilizer	24-0-11	50

TurfGro Pro Tree, Shrub, and Ornamental	8-0-10	50
Sta-Green Southern Weed & Feed	20-0-5	50
Sunniland Bahia Weed & Feed	20-0-6	50
Sunniland St. Augustine Weed & Feed	20-0-6	50
Sunniland Super Iron Plus	Fe,Mn,Mg	N/A
Scotts Turf Builder Bonus S FL W&F	28-0-14	50
Scotts Turf Builder Southern Lawn Food	32-0-10	50
Scotts Turf Builder FL Lawn Food	28-0-14	50
Scotts Green Max	33-0-2	51
Scotts Lawn Response (Nutrient supplement)	0-0-4	N/A
Ironite mineral supplement	1-0-1	50
Scotts Bonus S FL W&F	28-0-14	50
Scotts Liquid Turf Builder	29-0-3	60
Vigoro Florida Weed & Feed	29-0-2	50
Vigoro Florida Lawn Fertilizer	29-0-4	50
Vigoro W&F for Bahia & Mixed Lawns	28-0-3	50
Dr. Earth Super Natural Lawn Fert. (liquid)	8-0-2	100

Bag Check

How do you determine the percent of slow release nitrogen? On the back of the bag, there will almost always be a "Guaranteed Analysis" box where it will say what percentage of nitrogen used is slow release. Take this percentage and divide by the entire N content percentage and multiple by 100.

For example:

Here I have a bag of TurfGro Professional Turf Fertilizer. The label clearly states that the N-P-K content is 16-0-8. This means it has 16% nitrogen, 0% phosphorous, and 8% potash.

Now look at the back of the bag and locate the Guaranteed Analysis section. At the bottom it says "'Contains 8.00 units of slow release nitrogen."



Therefore we calculate:

$$8/16 \times 100 = 50\% \text{ SRN}$$

This fertilizer has 50% SRN and 0% phosphorous. This fertilizer is in compliance.

This list will be updated as needed. You can email maria@mrcirl.org, if you find other fertilizers you believe to be in compliance or if you have questions.

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DON'T LET GREEN FLOW DOWNSTREAM
Protect Our Lagoon, Follow Fertilizer Laws

SKIP THE PHOSPHORUS
Make sure the middle number, Phosphorus (P), on your bag is zero! Only apply Phosphorus if a soil test confirms it is needed.

JUST SAY NO TO N IN THE SUMMER
It is against the law to apply any N (nitrogen) to the lawn during the rainy season from June 1 to September 30.

GO SLOW ON N IN THE SPRING
You must use fertilizer with at least 50% slow release nitrogen. The best time to apply N is in the spring.

STAY AWAY FROM THE WATERWAY
Keep fertilizer away from any body of water. Set-backs range from 10-25 feet, check your local ordinance to be sure of your set-backs at www.BeFloridianNow.org.

BLOW GRASS BACK
Fertilize your lawn naturally! Keep all grass clippings and vegetative material away from streets, storm drains, and water bodies. Blowing them back on the lawn provides natural fertilizer!

What are the Three Numbers I See on Fertilizer Bags?

FERTILIZER
N P K
14-0-26

Nitrogen (N)
Phosphate (P₂O₅)
Potassium (K₂O) or Potash

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For more information, visit www.BeFloridianNow.org

WHAT DO I LOOK FOR IN FERTILIZER?

Look for the terms time-release, slow-release or controlled-release on the product label. At least 50% of the nitrogen (N) in the fertilizer should be slow-release nitrogen.

To determine how much nitrogen in your fertilizer is slow-release use the "Guaranteed Analysis" (or fertilizer content) label on your fertilizer bag, along with the calculation below.

KNOW IF YOUR FERTILIZER IS SLOW!

50% SLOW RELEASE CALCULATION

Guaranteed Analysis

TOTAL NITROGEN (N)	16.00%
14.45% Urea Nitrogen (N)*	
SOLUBLE POTASH (K ₂ O)	26.00%
SULFUR (S) Total	19.70%
10.50% Free sulfur (S)	
9.20% Combined sulfur (S)	
IRON (Fe) Total	0.96%
0.19% Water Soluble (Fe)	
MANGANESE (Mn) Total	0.48%
0.1% Water Soluble Manganese (Mn)	
DERIVED FROM: Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea, Sulfate of Potash, Iron Oxide, Manganese Oxide.	
CHLORINE (Cl) Max	2.00%
8.00% Slowly Available Urea Nitrogen from Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea	

$8 \times 100 = 50\% \text{ Slow Release}$

This bag meets requirements to apply October-May.

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Manufacturers

These fertilizer manufacturers offer products that can be applied year-round. Their advertising and labeling complies with Be Floridian principles (no Nitrogen or Phosphorous in summer and slow-

release Nitrogen at other times).

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