

Comparison of Fertilizer Ordinances Throughout Indian River County

Jurisdiction	Effective Date	Restricted Time of Application	Fertilizer Free Zones	Fertilizer Content	Applying Fertilizer	Exemptions	Licensing
Indian River County	August 2013	Between June 1st and September 30th, when the ground is saturated, and when heavy rain is likely.	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	50% Slow Release Nitrogen (SRN). No Phosphorous without a soil test.	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Farmers and Ranchers, Land used for research, Golf courses and Athletic fields using approved BMPs.	Each person must carry in their possession the certificate of completion in the "Florida Friendly Best Management Practices" by Green Industries.
City of Vero Beach	January 2012	Prohibited Application Period* or when soils are saturated.	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	Encouraged to use 50% SRN.	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Land used for bona fide scientific research.	Completion of the "FL-Friendly BMPs" by Green Industries course along with fertilizer applicator permit from the city.
City of Sebastian	May 2012	Prohibited Application Period* or when soils are saturated.	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	For formula and application follow UF/IFAS recommendations or FL Admin Code Rule 5E-1.003(2).	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Bona fide farm operations, other properties not subject to FL Right to Farm Act, and any lands used for scientific research.	Completion of the "FL-Friendly BMPs" by Green Industries course and certification by FDACS**
Town of Orchid	January 2013	Between June 1st and September 30th, when the ground is saturated, or during the Prohibited Application Period.*	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	50% SRN. No Phosphorous without a soil test.	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Farmers and Ranchers, Land for research, Golf courses and Athletic fields using approved BMPs, and vegetable gardens owned by property owners or a community.	Completion of the "FL-Friendly BMPs" by Green Industries course with certificate and certification by FDACS**
Indian River Shores	April 2012	Prohibited Application Period* or when soils are saturated.	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	Encouraged to use 50% SRN.	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Land used for bona fide scientific research.	Completion of the "FL-Friendly BMPs" by Green Industries course and carry on possession certification by FDACS**
Fellsmere	July 2011	Prohibited Application Period* or when soils are saturated.	10 feet from any water body. Impervious surfaces. No cut vegetation within restricted 10-foot zone of water body.	For formula and application follow UF/IFAS recommendations or FL Admin Code Rule 5E-1.003(2).	Deflector shields required. Follow bag directions explicitly. Do not wash, sweep, or blow fertilizer or clippings into water bodies or impervious surfaces.	Bona fide farm operations, other properties not subject to FL Right to Farm Act, and any lands used for scientific research.	Completion of the "FL-Friendly BMPs" by Green Industries course and carry on possession certification by FDACS**

*Prohibited Application Period means the time period during which a flood watch or warning, or a tropical storm watch or warning, or a hurricane watch or warning is in effect issued by the National Weather Service, or if heavy rain is likely.

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