

	SARASOTA ORDINANCE	STATEWIDE MODEL ORDINANCE	IFAS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	FLORIDA YARDS & NEIGHBORHOODS RECOMMENDATIONS	OTHERS
LICENSING/CERTIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS	BMP training required within 180 days of ordinance passage for all fert. applicators; for new employees, within 90 days of hiring.	BMP training required within 180 days of ordinance passage for all applicators; all businesses applying fert. to turf must have at least one certified fertilizer applicator.	Currently, commercial applicators encouraged, but not required, to have BMP training.	Recommends hiring landscapers trained in fertilizer BMPs and Integrated Pest Management.	Licensing and certification required in all other local ordinances.
APPLICATION TIMING	Cannot apply fertilizer to lawns from June 1 - September 30	Cannot apply fertilizer if Flood Watch or Warning, Tropical Storm Watch or Warning, Hurricane Watch or Warning, or 3-day Cone of Uncertainty is in effect, or if heavy rain is forecast	No blackout period, but recommends against applying when heavy rains are expected, or grass is dormant. Specific guidelines vary by region and grass type. For Tampa region, recommendations are to apply N from 2-6 times year, depending on species and desired result.	Recommends low end of IFAS guidelines, generally two applications per year (Spring and Fall). Use slow-release nitrogen (30% or more N). Use iron instead of N in summer to make lawn green.	<u>Sanibel</u> prohibits fert. application from July 1-Sept. 30. Caps applications at 6 times/year. <u>Lee County</u> draft prohibits fertilizer application from July 1-Sept.30. <u>Charlotte County</u> ordinance does not contain a black-out period.

<p>BUFFER ZONES</p>	<p>No fertilizer application within 10 feet of waterway, or in or adjacent to a wetland. New turf or landscape plants in this zone may be fertilized for first 60 days only</p>	<p>10-foot fertilizer-free zone adjacent to waterway or wetland; 3 feet if deflector shield or drop spreader is used. New turf or landscape plants in this zone may be fertilized for first 60 days only</p>	<p>Recommends a 10-foot fertilizer-free “ring of responsibility” from water’s edge; 3 feet if using liquid fertilizer, or a deflector shield.</p>	<p>Encourages a <i>minimum</i> 10-foot “no fertilizer, no pesticide” zone along shorelines. Discourages turfgrass directly down to water’s edge. (Page 10 of FY&N Handbook)</p>	<p>Sanibel ordinance prohibits fertilizer within 25 feet of waterway; requires deflector shield when rotary spreader is used.</p> <p>Lee County draft ordinance establishes 10-foot no-fertilizer zone; 3 foot with deflector.</p> <p>Charlotte County ordinance has 3-foot buffer if deflector shield used.</p>
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<p>DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</p>	<p>Does not specifically address development standards however, county is in process of revising its Water-Efficient Landscaping code this year</p>	<p>Does not specifically recommend development standards, but acknowledges importance of landscape design in preventing runoff and recommends that local governments promote Low Impact Design in their land development regulations. Specifically references DEP model landscape ordinance and WMDs' collective "Landscape Irrigation and Florida-Friendly Design Standards."</p>	<p>Does not address specific development standards; does encourage holistic landscape management to reduce runoff. Educational, not regulatory, document.</p>	<p>Promotes nine principles of Florida-Friendly Landscape Design to reduce stormwater runoff, conserve water, and create wildlife habitats. Educational program only.</p>	<p>Florida Statutes prohibit deed restrictions or covenants entered after October 1, 2001 that prevent homeowners from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-Friendly landscapes</p>

RECLAIMED WATER	Does not address any restrictions on supplemental fertilization if irrigating with reclaimed water	Does Not Address	Does Not Address	Does Not Address	Sanibel fertilizer ordinance prohibits irrigation using reclaimed water within 25 feet of water body.
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