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Fertilizer Restricted Season begins June 1st and is in effect until September 30th.

Fertilizer in storm water runoff can cause excessive nutrients to enter waterways in the City, this can lead to algae growth in our waterways including the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

If you plan to fertilize your lawn, here's is a brief summary of what you need to know:

Restricted Season—No fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus (phosphate) shall be applied to turf or landscape plants from June 1 to September 30 each year.

Weather Watch—No application of fertilizer shall be made when a flood, tropical storm or hurricane watch or warning is forecast, or more than 2 inches of rain is expected.

Nitrogen Application – During the non-restricted season October 1 to May 31, nitrogen fertilizer must contain at least 50% slow release nitrogen.

Phosphorus Application—No fertilizer containing phosphorus (phosphate) shall be applied anytime during the year, unless a soil test showing a deficiency is taken. Contact UF-IFAS extension office for further information on testing at (772) 462-1660.

Fertilizer-Free Zone—Do not apply fertilizer within 10 feet from the top of bank of any water surface, wetland, or landward edge of a seawall.

Storm water Run Off—Keep fertilizer off hard surfaces, and out of ditches, conveyances or water bodies. If spilled, clean up immediately. Keep grass clippings and landscape debris from being deposited into storm drains, ditches, surface waters, and roadways to reduce runoff pollution.

Enforcement—Violations of this ordinance and its requirements can result in monetary fines

Residents are encouraged to make their landscape a Florida-friendly Landscape. Do your part to create a more sustainable Florida! Down load a copy of the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Handbook. For more information go to <http://www.cityofpsl.com/public-works/fertilizer.html>