

Fertilizer Ordinance Comparison – Manatee, Sarasota, Longboat key

Similarities

Blackout Period – NO fertilizer application from June 1 to Sept 30

Minimum Setback from bodies of water – 10 feet

Deflector shields MUST be used on all broadcast spreaders

Minimum 50% Slow release nitrogen MUST be used

Maximum Soluble Nitrogen per application – 4lb N

No more than 4 lbs nitrogen can be applied per calendar year

ALL fertilizer applicators must be certified per Florida Statutes FS482.1562

Applicators must keep a copy of the certification with them during fertilizer application

There is no sales restriction on fertilizers

Differences

Manatee

Phosphorus (P₂O₅)

NO phosphorus can be applied without a soil test from a certified lab.

Setback:

Minimum 10 ft away from bodies of water

Training:

To work in Manatee County, all employees other than fertilizer applicators and clerical must take and pass a Landscape BMP (2nd tier) certification class.

Sarasota

Phosphorus (P₂O₅) application must not exceed

.25lb/1000 sq ft per application, or
.50lb/1000 sq ft per year.

Setback:

Minimum 10 ft away from bodies of water

Training:

NO 2nd tier certification.

Longboat Key

Phosphorus (P₂O₅) application must not exceed

.25lb/1000 sq ft per application, or
.50lb/1000 sq ft per year.

Setback:

Minimum 10 ft away from bodies of water

Training:

NO 2nd tier certification.