The City of Belle Isle

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RULES TO FOLLOW Restricted Season: June 1—Sept 30

- No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied in Orange County from June 1 through September 30, unless you comply with one of the following:
- Residential applicators
 must have annual proof of
 training via completion of
 the online <u>Orange County</u>
 <u>Fertilizer Application</u>
 <u>Education Course for
 Citizens</u>.
- Commercial applicators
 must have a valid <u>FDACS</u>
 <u>Limited Fertilizer</u>
 <u>Applicator's</u>
 <u>License</u> or <u>proof of</u>
 <u>completion of Green</u>
 <u>Industries Best</u>
 <u>Management Practices (GI-BMP)</u> within the previous 3 years.

Code Enforcement Update



Fertilizer Facts

Many fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorus, also known as nutrients. Pollution from nutrients harms our natural water bodies – springs, lakes and rivers - by causing algae blooms and poor water quality. How does nutrient pollution get there? When vards are over-fertilized, the excess nitrogen and phosphorus flow with rainwater into the same stormwater system designed to keep your property and roads from flooding during heavy rain. By doing something as simple as choosing fertilizer carefully and applying it properly, together we can make a big impact on the health of our natural water bodies.

City of Belle Isle ORDINANCE 18-06 Non-compliance

- 1. First violation: written notice
- Second violation: Fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) except for commercial applicators the fine shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- Third and subsequent violations: Fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except for commercial applicators the fine shall be seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

Residential and Commercial Use

- All areas of property covered by lawn, turf and landscape plants are subject to the <u>fertilizer</u> <u>ordinance</u>.
- Fertilizers containing phosphorus are prohibited unless soil test shows deficiency.
- Fertilizers containing nitrogen applied in Orange County must contain 65 percent slow-release nitrogen.
- Deflector shields must be in place when broadcast spreaders are used next to streets, inlets, ditches, conveyances and waterways.
- No fertilizer or grass clippings shall be deposited on streets, driveways or in storm drains.
- No fertilizer can be applied within 15 feet from waterways.
- Application sites must maintain a 10-foot low maintenance zone

 planted area with no fertilizing, mowing or maintenance –
 adjacent to water bodies.
- No fertilizer shall be applied when the National Weather Service issues any advisory for severe thunderstorm, flood, tropical storm or hurricane.