

Sarasota County worked with landscape maintenance professionals, citizens, state and local government staff and environmentalists to develop an ordinance to reduce nutrient pollution of our waterways. The result is the Sarasota County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Code, which applies to individuals and professional fertilizer applicators, Ordinance No. 2007-062.

(Go to [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) to view a complete copy of the ordinance).



## Things to look for in your lawn maintenance company

### Does it...

- Display the required BMP Training Certification Decal on its trucks and trailers?
- Use a minimum 50 percent slow-release nitrogen fertilizer product?
- Apply no more than the maximum allowable amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus?
- Use a deflector shield on all broadcast fertilizer spreaders?
- Remove grass clippings from the roadway, storm drains and ditches?
- Promote the benefits of a low-maintenance zone around water bodies?
- Maintain a 10-foot fertilizer free zone around water bodies and wetlands?

Questions? Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or go to [scgov.net](http://scgov.net).

For additional information on bay-friendly landscaping visit [www.BeFloridan.org](http://www.BeFloridan.org).

What you need to know about  
**Sarasota County's**

# Fertilizer & Landscape Management Code

**Ordinance No. 2007-062**



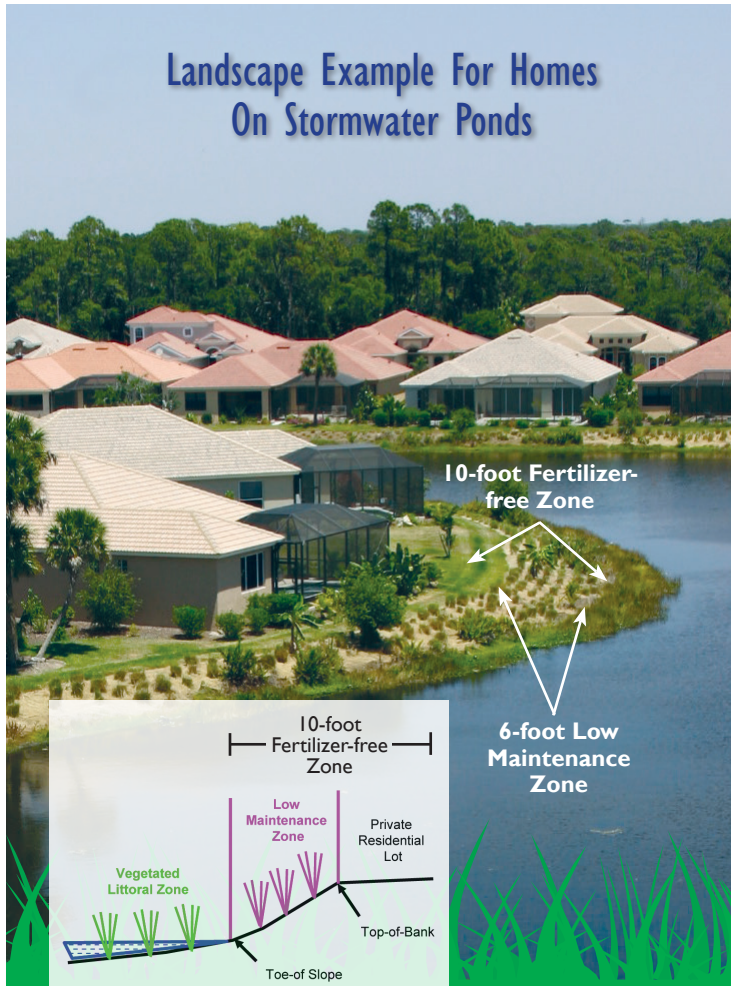
Post this information near your landscaping equipment to remind you to “do the right thing” in your landscaping practices. **START TODAY!**

## DOs and DON'Ts:

Newly established turf and landscape plants are exempt for the first 60-day period after installation

Highlights of the code are listed here to help you make a difference in your own neighborhood by protecting and preserving our spectacular water playground. Remember, the code applies to individuals and professionals.

### Landscape Example For Homes On Stormwater Ponds



#### Fertilizer-Free Zone:

Fertilizer may not be applied within 10 feet of any water body or wetland. No fertilizer may be applied to impervious (nonporous) surfaces, and any spillage must be removed.

#### Low-Maintenance Zone:

A 6-foot low-maintenance zone of landscape plants appropriate to preventing fertilizer runoff is recommended for any water body or wetland.

### What To Look For On Your Fertilizer Label

% of Total N as Slow-Release Nitrogen (SRN) =

$$\frac{7}{14} \times 100 = 50\%$$

(Meets 50% SRN Sarasota County Requirement)



Nitrogen N  
Phosphate  $P_2O_5$   
Potash  $K_2O$

#### GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

TOTAL NITROGEN (N).....	14.00 %
14.45% Urea Nitrogen (N)*	
SOLUBLE POTASH ( $K_2O$ ).....	26.00 %
SULFUR (S) Total.....	19.70 %
10.50% Free sulfur (S)	
9.20% Combined sulfur (S)	
IRON (Fe) Total.....	0.96 %
0.19% Water Soluble Iron (Fe)	
MANGANESE (Mn) Total.....	0.48 %
0.1% Water Soluble Manganese (Mn)	
DERIVED FROM: Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea, Sulfate of Potash, Iron Oxide, Manganese Oxide.	
CHLORINE (Cl) Max.....	2.00%

\*7.00% Slowly Available Urea Nitrogen from Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea.

#### Restricted Season

No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus shall be applied to turf or landscape plants between June 1st and Sept. 30th of each year. However, micronutrients such as iron, magnesium and zinc may be applied at any time.

#### Phosphorus Applications

The amount of phosphorus shall not exceed 0.25 pounds per 1,000 square feet at each application, and shall not exceed a total of 0.5 pounds per 1,000 square feet per year.

#### Nitrogen Applications

Nitrogen fertilizer must contain at least 50 percent slow-release nitrogen. No more than 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet may be applied to turf or landscape plants each year.

#### Deflector Shields

A deflector shield is required on all broadcast spreaders to prevent fertilizer from being applied within 10 feet of any water body or wetland.

#### Grass Clippings

No grass clippings, vegetative material or vegetative debris may be deposited in stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies or roadways.

#### Commercial and Institutional Fertilizer Applicators

All professional fertilizer applicators must receive training and certification in a Sarasota County-approved Best Management Practices (BMP) training program.

#### Enforcement

Enforcement actions will take place through the use of the County Code Enforcement process when necessary.