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***An Important Notice From:  
Lee County Department Of Natural Resources***

In May of 2008, Lee County Board of County Commissioners approved regulations on fertilizer use which took effect this month. These rules are designed to protect and improve the quality of water in our back bays, estuaries, Caloosahatchee River and Gulf of Mexico by limiting nutrients that can be caught up in stormwater runoff and which could contribute to algae growth in area waters.

The quality of our coastal waters is critical to our environment, economy and recreation. Even if you do not reside on a waterfront, the land you live on is directly connected to a nearby water body. What you do in your yard, especially the nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers you apply, may have unintended consequences.

The new regulations apply to professionals and homeowners alike. By following the new rules and using fertilizer properly, we will protect our area's valuable ecosystems.

Please refer to the enclosed brochure to become familiar with the new year-round regulations.

Be part of the solution to prevent water pollution. By respecting the link between our lawns, landscapes and the health of our area waterways, we can ensure water quality for recreation, marine fisheries and the important economic resource of our waters and beaches.