

## Comparison of Local Fertilizer Ordinances in Southwest Florida

Requirements	FDEP/UF GIBMP* Manual	SWFRPC** Resolution	City of Naples	City of Sanibel	Charlotte County	Sarasota County	Lee County
N and P fertilizer black-out period	None	July 1- Sept. 30	June 1- Sept. 30	July 1- Sept. 30	None	June 1- Sept. 30	June 1- Sept. 30
Max. P analysis for turf and landscape	Not specified	2%	2%	2%	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Max. N analysis for turf and landscape	Not specified	20%	Not specified	20%	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Min. % N as slow-release	Not specified	70%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Max. N application/1000 sq ft	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Max. N application/1000 sq ft/calendar year	Grass species dependent. Up to 7 lbs.	4 lbs.	4 lbs.	4 lbs.	Grass species dependent. Up to 7 lbs.	4 lbs.	4 lbs.
Total numbers of fertilizer applications/calendar year	Turf species dependent	6	4	6	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Fertilizer free zone adjacent to waterbody	3 ft	25 ft	10 ft	25 ft	3 ft	10 ft	10 ft from the top of bank
Keeping fertilizer off impervious surface	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Use of deflector shields	By waterbody; 10 ft without deflector, 3 ft with deflector	Yes	Adjacent to 'protected zones'***	With broadcast spreader by protected zones	By waterbody; 10 ft without deflector, 3 ft with deflector	With broadcast spreader and by protected zones	Adjacent to protected zones
Mow free zone adjacent to waterbody	None	None	None	None	Voluntary 6 ft	Voluntary 6 ft	Voluntary 6 ft
<b>Exemptions to fertilizer content, applications rates and application timing</b>							
Reclaimed water with high N and P contents	Not specified	25 ft from waterbody	Not specified	25 ft from waterbody	Not specified	Not specified	Yes
During new plant establishment	Yes	First 60 days	First 60 days	First 60 days	First 60 days	First 60 days	First 60 days
Vegetable gardens	Not specified	Yes if > 25 ft from waterbody	Yes	Yes if > 25 ft from waterbody	Not specified	Not specified	Yes if > 15 ft from waterbody
Mulch and compost	Not specified	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Not specified	Yes