

Pollution Prevention Is Up To You!

Streets and stormdrains are part of the drainage system which protects developed areas from flooding.

Everything that enters the streets and stormdrains flows directly into waterways without treatment and causes pollution.

Disposing of yard waste in the street or stormdrains is **PROHIBITED BY LAW**.

Only Rain Down the Stormdrain!

This brochure is one of a series describing stormwater protection measures. To request additional brochures please contact:

Pinellas County
Natural Resources Section
(727) 464-4425

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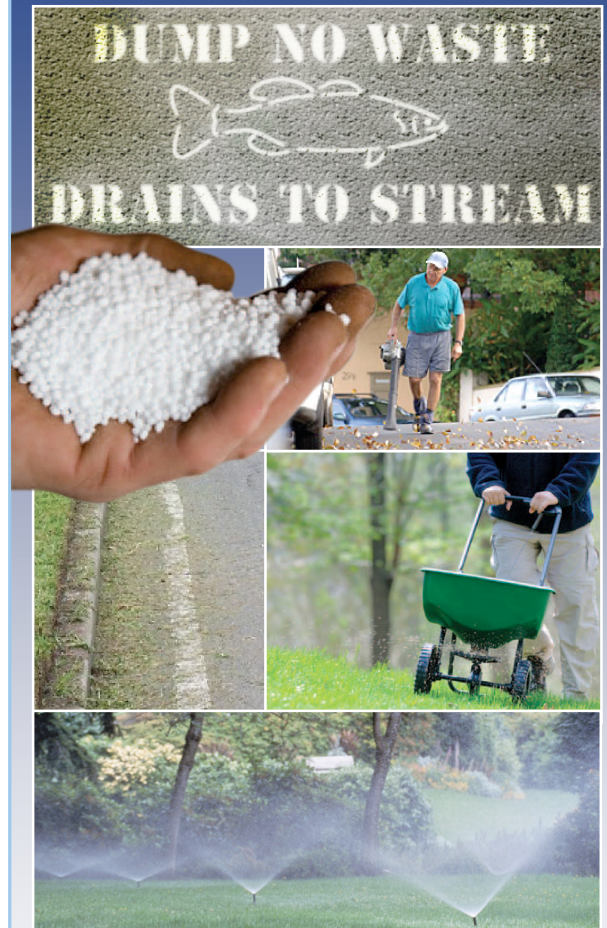
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Pinellas County Fertilizer Use & Landscape Maintenance Ordinance



How to keep your yard looking great, save some money and keep our waters fun!



Guide to the Pinellas County Fertilizer Ordinance

Pinellas County Ordinance, Article XIII, Chapter 58, regulates landscape maintenance practices and the sale and use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus to protect Pinellas County's aquatic environment.

Homeowners, landscapers and lawn care services must protect our aquatic environment by following the practices described in the ordinance.

Violators of the fertilizer ordinance may be fined up to \$10,000 per day.



Keep Algae-feeding Nutrients Out of Our Waterways. How You Can Be *Floridian*.

Pinellas County law bans the sale and use of any lawn or landscape fertilizer with NITROGEN or PHOSPHOROUS from June 1 to September 30.

During the summer, use Florida-friendly yard products that contain iron and other micronutrients. Visit www.BeFloridian.org for more landscaping tips.

- ☐ Reclaimed water can contain high amounts of nutrients therefore fertilizers may not be needed. Visit the reclaimed water areas map on www.pinellascounty.org/fertilizer.
- ☐ Limit application to no more than 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet per YEAR.
- ☐ Do not overwater and make sure sprinklers are adjusted to avoid hitting the road or driveway.
- ☐ Avoid using phosphorous! Only use phosphorous if a soil test says its needed.
- ☐ Protect the water! Keep fertilizer at least 10 feet away from any seawall or body of water.
- ☐ Sweep it up. Whisk any fertilizer granules that fall onto sidewalks, streets or driveways back into the landscape.
- ☐ Keep the clippings. **Don't blow your leaves or clippings into the road** - mulch them into your lawn. They can supply up to 50% of the nitrogen your grass needs.
- ☐ Watch the weather. Rainstorms don't water in fertilizer they wash it away, wasting your money and polluting our water.



Ask for credentials!

All fertilizer applicators must display a Pinellas County vehicle decal.

All landscape maintenance staff must display a Pinellas County vehicle decal.

Who To Contact?



For any questions on disposal of waste, including fertilizers, pesticides or weed control products, contact Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations at (727) 464-7500.

For information or to report water quality concerns, please call (727) 464-4425, or e-mail watershed@pinellascounty.org.