

Hernando Rainy Season Fertilizer Ban

Factsheet

The summer rainy season ban goes into effect on June 1st.

What does the ordinance tell us about urban turfgrass?

- The application of fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited from **June 1–Sept. 30** and **Dec. 15–March 1**.
- Fertilizer application is prohibited in any area within 25 feet of any body of water or wetland.
- If you have seeded or laid sod, you must wait 30 days before applying fertilizer.
- You must use a deflector shield when using a broadcast spreader.
- Commercial applicators ARE NOT exempt from the fertilizer rules.



For the rest of the year, use slow-release fertilizers

Hernando County recommends using fertilizers with at least **30% slow-release nitrogen**, like:

- urea formaldehyde
- methylene urea
- isobutylidene diurea
- sulfur-coated urea
- polymer-coated urea.



For more information, go to: **Hernando County Utilities** online at

www.HernandoCounty.us/Fertilizer or

Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group at
www.sierraclub.org/florida/adventure-coast.



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