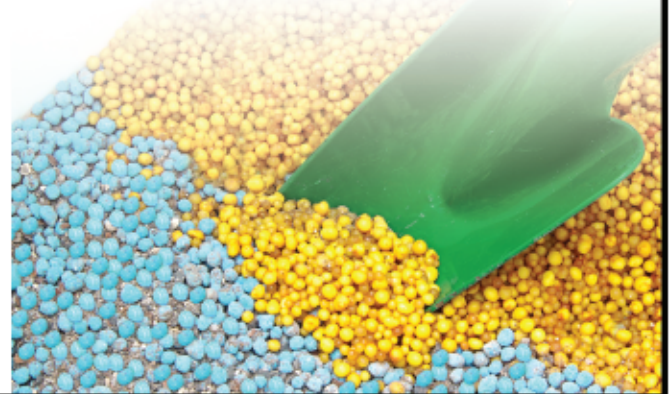


New Fertilizer Ordinance

**It's The Law!**



Effective May 13, 2009, a new Lee County ordinance takes effect regarding who can use fertilizer and the content, amount and methods that may be used.



#### **WHO It Applies To**

- Homeowners and professional landscapers in unincorporated Lee County.
- Professional landscapers must register with the county and have at least one employee certified after completing a training program.

*Classes for homeowners and professional landscapers will be provided through the University of Florida Lee County Extension Service. Visit <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/fyn/fynhome.shtml> for more information or call 239-533-4327.*



#### **HIGHLIGHTS Of The New Code**

- Fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus cannot be used during the rainy season, June 1 through September 30.
- Fertilizer may not be applied within 10 feet of a water body, seawall or wetland.
- Fertilizer is not allowed on impervious surfaces such as roads, driveways and sidewalks.
- Deflector shields are required on spreaders to prevent fertilizer from being spread into water body buffers and impervious surfaces.
- Grass clippings and vegetative trimmings may not be swept or blown into ditches, drains, water bodies, onto roads or sidewalks.

## **What To Look For On A Fertilizer Label!**

All fertilizer products use the 3 number system. The first number represents nitrogen; the second phosphorus; and the third potassium or potash. Double zeros are the important numbers during the summer months, June through September.



**For more information, call 239-533-8706**