



City of Sanibel Fertilizer Ordinance

Section 30--141-150 Sanibel Land Development Code



WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON YOUR FERTILIZER LABEL

ABOUT THE ORDINANCE:

Restricted Season

From July 1 through September 30, nitrogen and phosphorus may not be applied to lawns or landscape plants. Secondary nutrients and micronutrients may be applied if needed.

Water Protection Buffer Zone

Nitrogen and phosphorus may not be applied within 25 feet of any body of water, wetland, drainage, or retention area. Secondary nutrients and micronutrients may be applied if needed.

Impervious surfaces

Fertilizer may not be applied to impervious (hard) surfaces such as pavement, driveways, and sidewalks. All spills must be swept up immediately.

Nitrogen Application

Nitrogen may be applied at a maximum rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet (1 lb N/1000 sq.ft.) *per application*. No more than 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet may be applied to turf or landscape plants *per year*.

Deflector Shields

A deflector shield is required on all broadcast (rotary) spreaders to prevent fertilizer application to fertilizer-free zones.

Professional Fertilizer Applicators

All professional fertilizer applicators (commercial and institutional) must possess a City of Sanibel Vegetation Competency Card and Fertilizer Endorsement Certification. A certified applicator must be present anytime fertilizers are being applied.

Nitrogen (N) content

Fertilizer may contain no more than 20% total nitrogen; at least 50% of the nitrogen must be slow release nitrogen (SRN).

Phosphorus (P) Content

Fertilizer may contain no more than 2% phosphorus. Given that most Sanibel soils contain sufficient phosphorus to support healthy plants, opt for a no-phosphorus fertilizer unless a soil test indicates otherwise.



% of Total Nitrogen as SRN=

$$\frac{10}{11} \times 100 = 91\%$$

Scotts® Organic Choice™ Lawn Food	F643
Guaranteed Analysis 11-2-2	
Total Nitrogen (N)	11%
0.11% Ammoniacal Nitrogen	
10.00% Water Insoluble Nitrogen*	
0.89% Water Soluble Nitrogen	
Available Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	2%
Soluble Potash (K ₂ O)	2%
Calcium (Ca)	1.5%
Sulfur (S)	1.0%
1.00% Combined Sulfur (S)	
Derived from: Hydrolyzed Feather Meal, Meat Meal, Bone Meal, Blood Meal, and Sulfate of Potash.	
* Contains 10% slowly available water insoluble nitrogen (N) from hydrolyzed feather meal and meat meal.	

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the Ordinance, Contractor certification, or tips for going “fertilizer-free”, call the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department at (239) 472-3700 or visit the City’s Fertilizer website at www.sanibelH2Omatters.com/fertilizer.

**All fertilizers and chemicals can potentially harm our waterways. Please, use sparingly and with caution.
The City of Sanibel does not promote the use of fertilizers or lawn chemicals and does not endorse any specific lawn care products.**