

City of Marco Island Fertilizer Ordinance Comparative Chart

State Model Ordinance Requirement	Marco Island Draft Ordinance	City of Naples	Collier County	City of Sanibel	City of Punta Gorda
Training and Licensing for commercial applicators (6 hour class)	Same as State Model	Same as State Model	Same as State Model	Same as State Model; In addition: obtain City of Sanibel Vegetation Certificate of Competency	Same as State Model
Prohibited Period – Storm & Flood Watches, saturated soils	More restrictive: prohibited application period from June 1-Sept 30	More restrictive: prohibited application period from June 1-Sept 30	Same as State Model	More restrictive: prohibited application period from July 1-Sept 30	More restrictive: prohibited application period from June 1-Sept 30
Application Rate – Label requirement Rule 5E-1.003(2)(d), Florida Administrative Code – By turf type and zone (2-7lbs N/year and no greater than 1lb N per application/0.7 lb soluble N; 0.5 lb P/year) IFAS Landscape recommendations, application rates are per 1,000 sq. ft.	More restrictive: - At least 50% slow release N - P only with soil test - Annual limit of 4lbs N/1,000 sq. ft. and limited to 4 applications	More restrictive: - At least 50% slow release N - Annual limit of 4lbs N/1,000 sq. ft. and limited to 4 applications - Less than 2% P	Same as State Model	More Restrictive: - No more than 20% N with at least 70% being slow release 1 lb N/1,000 sq. ft. and annual limit of 4lbs N/1,000 sq. ft./year - Less than 2% P	More restrictive: - At least 50% slow release N - Urban Turf Fertilizer Rule 5E-1.003 for N 0.25lbs P/1,000 sq. ft./application and not more than 0.5lbs P/1,000 sq. ft./year
Fertilizer Free Zone – Buffer of 10 ft on water bodies and wetlands, 3 ft with deflectors to prevent fertilizer in water	More restrictive: Minimum of 10 ft buffer with no fertilizer around water bodies	More restrictive: Minimum of 10 ft buffer with no fertilizer around water bodies	Same as State Model with exception of Collier Native Preserve requirements	More restrictive: minimum of 25 ft buffer with no fertilizer around water bodies	Same as State Model
Voluntary provisions for Low Maintenance Area (buffers) 6 ft where trimmed vegetation is removed	Voluntary low maintenance area 10 ft	Not addressed	Voluntary low maintenance area 10 ft	Not addressed	Not addressed
Exemptions - Agriculture	Same as State Model	New landscape or turf for 60 days, vegetable gardens, soil test for P is “very	Same as State Model; In addition: scientific research, golf courses (FL Golf Course BMP),	New landscape or turf for 60 days, damaged landscape and turf for 60 days, vegetable	New landscape or turf for 60 days, golf courses (FL Golf Course BMP), athletic

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		low", compost and mulch, golf courses	"specialized turf areas"	gardens, soil test for P is "very low", compost and mulch, reclaimed water, golf courses (FL Golf Course BMP)	fields
Application Practices – no fertilizer on impervious surfaces or in water	Same as State Model	Same as State Model	Same as State Model	Same as State Model	Same as State Model
Other provisions				Keep record of application; permit the City to sample fertilizers applied within the city; provide surface and groundwater protection brochure to customers; sale of fertilizer	

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Requirement	Lee County	Sanibel	Cape Coral	Ft. Myers Beach	City of Bonita Springs	Collier County	City of Naples	City of Marco*
Exemption for vegetables gardens	Only if greater than 15 feet from waterbody	Yes	Only if greater than 15 feet from waterbody	Only if greater than 3 feet from waterbody	Only if greater than 15 feet from waterbody	None	Yes	N/A
Exemption for mulch and compost	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Exemption for Golf Courses	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	None	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	Yes, If FL Golf Course BMPs are utilized.	N/A
Exemption for low P soils	None	Yes, <10 ppm	No	Yes, <10 ppm	No	None	Yes, <10 ppm	N/A
Exemption for Agriculture	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Exemption for Reuse water	Yes, but not allowed to flow or spray into waterbody	Yes, but not within 25 feet of waterbody/wetland	Yes	Not Specified	Yes	Not Specified	Not Specified	N/A

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Requirement	Lee County	Sanibel	Cape Coral	Ft. Myers Beach	City of Bonita Springs	Collier County	City of Naples	City of Marco*
Black out period (no N or P applications)	June 1 – September 30	July 1 – September 30	June 1 and September 30. Also, no fertilizing if Flood Watch or	June 1 – September 30	June 1 – September 30	No application during identified Flood or Storm "Watch" or	June 1 – September 30	N/A
Maximum total N content of fertilizer for turf or landscape	Not Specified	20%	Not Specified	20%	Not Specified	Not specified	Not specified	N/A
Of N, required slow release %	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	Not specified	50%	N/A
Maximum N per 1,000 ft² per application	Not Specified	1lb/1000 ft ²	Not Specified	1lb/1000 ft ²	Not Specified	1lb/1000 ft ²	1lb/1000 ft ²	N/A
Maximum N per 1,000 Sq ft per year	4 lbs/1000 ft ²	4 lbs/1000 ft2	4 lbs/1000 ft2	4 lbs/1000 ft2	4 lbs/1000 ft2	Formulated for turf species in accordance with F.A.C. 5E-1.003(2)	4 lbs/1000 ft2	N/A
Maximum P per 1,000 ft² per application	<0.25 lbs P2O5/1000 ft2	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	<0.25 lbs P2O5/1000 ft2	<0.25 lbs P2O5/1000 ft ² per F.A.C. 5E-1.003(2)	Not Specified	N/A
Maximum P per 1,000 Sq ft per year	<0.50 lbs P2O5/1000 ft2	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	<0.50 lbs P2O5/1000 ft2	<0.50 lbs P2O5/1000 ft ² per F.A.C. 5E-1.003(2)	Not Specified	N/A

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Green Industries BMP Training required for commercial applicators	Yes, one certified person on site during application	Yes, one certified person on site during application	Yes-all applicators	Yes, one certified person on site during application	Yes, one certified person on site during application	At least one member of company trained by Feb. 5, 2012. All commercial applicators trained by Jan. 1, 2014	Yes, at least one supervisor and minimum of 10% of field operations staff. One certified person on site during application	Yes, one certified person on site during application
Website	http://www.lee-county.com/gov/dept/NaturalResources/WaterQuality/Pages/FertilizeSmart.aspx	http://www.sanibelh2omatters.com/fertilizer/Ordinance.cfm	http://www.capecoral.net/CapeCoralHome/AboutUs/CityGovernment/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/EnvironmentalResources/FertilizerOrdinance/tabid/1641/language/en-US/Default.aspx	http://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/752	http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/government/departments/code-enforcement/test-4/	www.dontoverfeed.com	http://www.naplesgov.com/index.aspx?nid=332	http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4040

* Based on Marco Island Lawn and Landscape Maintenance Regulations Ordinance 08-15. City of Marco does not have a formal Fertilizer Ordinance.

Table provided by Collier County Natural Resources and reviewed by all referenced agencies.