

Florida-Friendly Fertilizing TIPS

Fertilizers applied improperly can run off lawns and into local water bodies, harming water quality and threatening the plants and animals that depend on clean water for survival. If fertilizer is needed, proper application can create a dense lawn that absorbs pollutants from runoff and helps protect water quality.



You can have a healthy lawn and healthy water by following these Florida-friendly fertilizing tips:

- Fertilize only if needed and only when grass is actively growing.
- Don't fertilize before a heavy rain. Lawns need only 1/4 inch of water after each fertilizer application.
- Use slow-release fertilizers, which provide fertilization for 60 days or longer.
- Always follow package directions to avoid over-fertilizing.

Fertilizing appropriately is one of the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles — a set of guidelines that help protect natural resources while promoting beautiful landscapes.

Visit WaterMatters.org/fertilizing for more information or to order a free "Do-It-Yourself Guide to Florida-Friendly Fertilizing."

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