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FERTILIZER USE REGULATION TO TAKE EFFECT

Fertilize Smart, Do Your Part

Lee County's new regulation on fertilizer use in the county, which took effect May 13, 2009, applies to anyone who uses fertilizer and governs the content, amount and methods that can be used.

Under the new rule, fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus cannot be used during the four-month rainy season, June through September. During the rest of the year, use of fertilizer with those nutrients is limited, with any nitrogen required to be partially in a slow release form. Fertilizer application is prohibited within 10 feet of a water body. And spreaders must have a deflector shield to better target applications. In addition, clippings and trimmings must not be swept or blown into ditches, drains and water bodies, or onto roads and sidewalks.

For more information on the Lee County Fertilizer ordinance, contact the Lee County Division of Natural Resources at 239-533-8706 or visit www.FertilizeSmart.com.