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Fact Sheet

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Examples of Fertilizers Found Locally

Finding a fertilizer that complies with local fertilizer ordinances can be a challenge. We visited several garden centers and retail plant nurseries in St. Lucie County to locate fertilizers that conform to the requirements of the fertilizer ordinances. This is not a complete list, but it is intended to be used as a guide. Please check with your local garden center or retail plant nursery to see what is available.

The fertilizer ordinances: St. Lucie County, City of Fort Pierce, City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village all have a **black-out period from June 1st through September 30th** in which **no fertilizer containing Nitrogen (N) or Phosphorus (P) may be applied to lawns and landscapes.** Between October 1st and May 30th fertilizers containing at least 50% slow-release Nitrogen and no Phosphorus maybe applied to lawns and landscapes.

Fertilizers that may be used June 1st – September 30th (black-out period)

Turf Fertilizer examples

Brand Name	Analysis* (N-P-K) (Fe, Mn, Mg)	% Slow Release N
Sunniland Super Iron Plus	0-0-0-16.5(Fe)-1(Mn)-2(Mg)	N/A
Lesco	0-0-24	N/A
Lesco Cross Check Plus Fertilizer	0-0-15	N/A

Tree/Shrub & Ornamental Fertilizer examples

Brand Name	Analysis* (N-P-K) (Fe, Mn, Mg)	% Slow Release N
Sunniland Super Iron Plus	0-0-0-16.5(Fe)-1(Mn)-2(Mg)	N/A
Sunniland Manganese Sulphate	0-0-0-27 (Mn)	N/A
Sunniland Rite Green Magnesium Sulphate	0-0-0-16 (Mg)	N/A

* (N) Nitrogen, (P) Phosphorus, (K) Potassium, (Fe) Iron, (Mn) Manganese, (Mg) Magnesium

Fertilizer that may be used October 1st – May 30th

Turf Fertilizer examples

Turf Fertilizer examples Brand Name	Analysis* (N-P-K)	% Slow Release N
Turf-Gro Weed & Feed	20-0-8	≥50%
Turf Gro Weed & Feed	16-0-8	≥50%
Turf-Gro Lawn Fertilizer	24-0-11	≥50%
Turf-Gro Lawn Fertilizer	15-0-15	≥50%
Scott's Turf Builder	28-0-14	≥50%
Lesco Cross Check Plus Fertilizer	21-0-10	70%
Lesco	24-0-11	≥50%
Lesco	8-0-10	70%

Tree/Shrub & Ornamental Fertilizer examples

Brand Name	Analysis* (N-P-K)	% Slow Release N
Turf-Gro Tree/Shrub & Ornamental	8-0-10	50%
Lesco	13-10-13	50%

* (N) Nitrogen, (P) Phosphorus, (K) Potassium

Omission of a product does not suggest a lack of effectiveness. Mention of brand names does not suggest endorsement.

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