

DID YOU KNOW?



RINGWOOD HAS AN ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES THE USE OF OUTDOOR FERTILIZER APPLICATION!

RINGWOOD GENERAL ORDINANCE 16-3:

No person shall:

a. Apply fertilizer when a runoff producing rainfall is occurring or when it is predicted and/or when soils are saturated and a potential for fertilizer movement off-site exists.

b. Apply fertilizer to an impervious surface. Fertilizer inadvertently applied to an impervious surface must be swept or blown back into the target surface or returned to either its original or another appropriate container for reuse.

c. Apply fertilizer within the buffer of any waterbody.*

d. Apply fertilizer more than fifteen (15) days prior to March 15 or after October 31.

(Ord. No. 2009-#09 § 16-3.4)

16-3.5 Phosphorus Fertilizer Application.

No person shall:

a. Apply phosphorus fertilizer in outdoor areas except as demonstrated to be needed for the specific soils and target vegetation (commercial farms) in accordance with soils tests and the associated annual fertilizer recommendation issued by Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension.

***Phosphorus Fertilizer** shall mean any fertilizer that contains phosphorus, expressed as P_2O_5 with a guaranteed analysis of greater than zero; except that it shall not be considered to include animal (including human) or vegetable manures, agricultural liming materials, or wood ashes that have not been amended to increase their nutrient content.

TO READ THE ENTIRE ORDINANCE GO TO WWW.RINGWOODNJ.NET
AND CLICK LINK FOR CODE OF ORDINANCES.

DID YOU KNOW....

Using phosphorous fertilizer, in most cases is not necessary
And your lawn will not know the difference.

Phosphorous free fertilizer is less expensive than fertilizer
containing phosphorous.

Check the label... On the bag, you will see a series of three
numbers. The first number indicates nitrogen, which is used
to promote top growth. The middle number indicates
phosphorous, which is used for root growth. The last number
indicates potassium, for strong stems and disease resistance.

To comply with the ordinance, the middle number must read
“0”, which means there is no phosphorous in the product.

In general, check the turf grass fertilizers for zero
phosphorous, and avoid “lawn and garden” fertilizers,
which are very high in phosphorous.

**Phosphorous stimulates the growth of weeds and algae
causing adverse water quality issues in our lakes.**

Keep Our Lakes Clean!

