

LIST OF EPC FERTILIZER RULE SECTIONS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE DEP MODEL CODE

- Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet from the landward extent of any surface water (**section 1-15.07**); the model code allows application within 3' of water if deflector shield is used
- No more than four pounds of nitrogen per 1000 ft² shall be applied in any calendar year. (**section 1-15.05(a)**)
- Applicators cannot apply fertilizers containing nitrogen (N) and/or phosphorus (P) to turf and landscape plants if ;
 - it is raining at the application site or;
 - within 36 hours prior to a forecasted rain event greater than or equal to 2 inches in a 24 hour period. (**section 1-15.03**)
- All commercial applicators and their supervisors, as well as government and institutional landscape applicators must complete an IFAS-approved BMP training program by July 20, 2011 or within 90 days of being hired, whichever is later. (**section 1-15.10(a)**) (Note: state law requires the same training by January 2014)
- No fertilizer containing phosphorus shall be applied to turf and/or landscape plants, except where a P deficiency has been demonstrated in the soil underlying the turf and/or landscape plants by a soil analysis test performed by a State of Florida-certified laboratory. (**section 1-15.05(b)**)
- Nitrogen fertilizer shall not be applied before planting new turf or on newly established turf for the first 30 days. (**section 1-15.05(c)**)
- Liquid fertilizers containing nitrogen applied to turf and/or landscape plants within Hillsborough County shall not be applied at a rate that exceeds 0.5 lbs/1000 ft² per application. (section 1-15.05(d))
- A vehicle decal indicating that the company is in compliance with the training and certification requirements must be affixed to all vehicles and/or trailers used by the company in connection with landscape maintenance activities and/or the application of fertilizer. (**section 1-15.10(d)**)
 - In order to qualify for an EPC-issued Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Vehicle Decal you must complete the rule-required BMP training and a “Vehicle Decal Application Form” available on-line at www.epchc.org or at www.protecthillsboroughwaters.org
 - **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE DECAL.** By signing the application form, the applicant acknowledges that they have read and understand the information listed describing the ways the EPC Rule is more stringent than the State Model Fertilizer Ordinance.