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Local Fertilizer Sources

Finding a fertilizer that complies with local fertilizer ordinances can be a challenge. We visited several garden centers in Brevard County to find fertilizers that comply with local ordinances. The list on the back of this fact sheet is not a complete list, and is intended to be a guide only, so check your local garden center to see what is available.

All fertilizer ordinances in Brevard County prohibit the application of nitrogen and phosphorus (unless a soil or tissue test indicates phosphorus deficiency) during the summer months (June 1 through September 30).

From October 1 through May 31, all ordinances require at least 50% of the nitrogen be slow release (water insoluble), and no phosphorus unless a soil or tissue test indicates a deficiency.

What do those three numbers on the fertilizer label mean? The numbers represent the percentage of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) in the bag. For example, a fertilizer with an analysis of 10-10-10 is 10% N, 10% P, and 10%K. The numbers always represent N, P, and K in that order.

Test yourself (answer is at the end of this document): what are the percentages of N, P, and K if the analysis is 8-0-10?

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Visit <http://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu/ordinances.shtml> to find your fertilizer ordinance.

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Turf Fertilizer

| Lowe's (Rockledge) | | |
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| Brand Name | Analysis | % N Slow Release |
| Sunniland | 8-0-10 | 50% |
| Sunniland | 24-0-11 | 50% |
| Sunniland | 16-0-8 | 50% |
| Ace Hardware (Wickham Rd.) | | |
| Sunniland Nitrogreen | 16-0-8 | 50% |
| Examples of fertilizers if a soil or tissue test indicates phosphorus deficiency | | |
| Lowe's (Rockledge) | | |
| Rite Green | 10-10-10 | 50% |
| Home Depot (Merritt Island) | | |
| Scott's Natural Lawn (organic) | 11-2-2 | 91% |
| Ace Hardware (Wickham Rd.) | | |
| Scotts Super Turf Builder | 4-1-6 | 50% |

Ornamental Fertilizers

| Rockledge Gardens (Rockledge) | | |
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| Brand Name | Analysis | % N Slow Release |
| Osmocote Plus | 15-9-12 | 100% (w/micro nutrients) |
| Espoma | 5-3-3 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Espoma Holly Tone | 4-3-1 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Espoma Garden Tone | 3-4-4 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Espoma Flower Tone | 3-4-5 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Espoma Tree Tone | 6-3-2 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Espoma Rose Tone | 4-3-2 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |
| Howards Palm Custom Slow release K/potassium | 11-4-11 | >50% & ~50% |

| Lowe's (Rockledge) | | |
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| Brand Name | Analysis | % N Slow Release |
| Sunniland Palm | 6-1-8 | 50% |
| Sunniland Turf Gro/Ornamentals | 8-0-10 | 50% |

Fruit Tree/Vegetable Fertilizer

| Lowe's (Rockledge) | | |
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| Brand Name | Analysis | % N Slow Release |
| Sunniland Citrus | 6-4-6 | 50% |
| Rockledge Gardens (Rockledge) | | |
| Osmocote Plus Variety | 15-9-12 | 100% (w/micro nutrients) |
| Sunniland Citrus, Avoc., Mango | 6-4-6 | 50% (w/micro nutrients) |
| Espoma Citrus Tone | 5-2-6 w/Ca,Mg,S | >50% |

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