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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 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)		
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)		
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)		
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)		
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.