

## TEQUESTA'S NEW FERTILIZER ORDINANCE

The Village of Tequesta recently passed a new fertilizer ordinance. Like similar ordinances in neighboring communities that also border rivers, lakes and other water bodies, this revision to fertilizer management and use in Tequesta addresses the problem of runoff of fertilizer into endangered or impaired waters.

If you plan to fertilize your lawn or plants, please be aware of the following new restrictions and requirements.

**Timing of Fertilizer Application / Rainy Season Ban 6/1 - 9/30** - No applicator (company or homeowner) shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus to Turf and/or Landscape Plants during the rainy season period from **June 1st - September 30<sup>th</sup>**. See ordinance for rules for golf courses & athletic fields.

**Licensing / Training of Commercial Applicators** – All commercial applicators must have evidence of certification by the Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS). Further, all businesses (or designee) applying fertilizer must hold the appropriate “Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries” training certificate.

If you have a company applying fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorous to your landscape, insure that they are properly trained and certified and abide by VOT's Rainy Season ban from June 1 – September 30.