

Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance
Commercial and Institutional Applicator Registration

Note: the following comments are intended only as a summary guide. Applicators are responsible for compliance with the full, official text of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance (Ann Arbor City Code, Chapter 70).

The Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance requires commercial and institutional applicators of manufactured fertilizer to register with the City each calendar year before applying manufactured fertilizer to any general (non-agricultural) turf in the City. A commercial applicator includes any person who applies manufactured fertilizer in exchange for money, goods, services, or other valuable consideration. An institutional applicator includes any person who applies manufactured fertilizer to general turf areas of more than 1 acre, excluding owners of individual parcels zoned single-family. Manufactured fertilizer is any commercially manufactured substance containing plant nutrients that is designed for promoting plant growth, but does not include unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, marl, lime, limestone, and wood ashes.

Key components of the ordinance are listed below.

- All commercial and institutional applicators shall register with the City prior to applying manufactured fertilizer on any general turf in the City in any calendar year.**
- Manufactured fertilizer that contains any amount of phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus, such as phosphate, shall not be applied to general turf within the City, except :**
 - o **during the first growing season where general turf is being established from seed or sod; or**
 - o **where soil tests performed under section 6:405 of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance indicate that the level of phosphorus in the soil is insufficient to support turf growth.**
- Manufactured fertilizer containing any amount of phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus shall be watered into the soil within 14 hours of application so that the fertilizer is immobilized and prevented from loss by runoff.**
- Manufactured fertilizer shall not be applied prior to April 1 or after November 15 in any year due to the inability of frozen soil to absorb nutrients, unless the soil temperature at a depth of 2 inches has been measured, and is greater than 37° Fahrenheit.**
- Manufactured fertilizers shall not be applied or stored uncontained on driveways, parking lots, streets, sidewalks, or other impervious surfaces, unless removed within one hour of application or storage.**
- Manufactured fertilizer shall not be applied in any natural features open space, as defined in the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance, or within 25 feet of any wetland, watercourse, or storm water retention or detention basin.**
- Commercial and institutional applicators shall submit a report regarding the application of manufactured fertilizer containing phosphorus and compounds containing phosphorus to the Fertilizer Program Administrator by December 15 of each year, following the end of the fertilizer season. The report shall contain the addresses or block locations (e.g., 100 block of North Fifth) of all general turf areas where manufactured fertilizers containing phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus were applied, the date of application, the phosphorus content of the fertilizer and the date and results from soil tests where required by section 6:405 of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance.**
- A commercial applicator shall provide at least one copy of the City-published manufactured fertilizer informational pamphlet to the owner or occupant of each address where the commercial applicator applies manufactured fertilizer prior to the application of fertilizer for that calendar year, except only one informational pamphlet is required to be provided for multiple addresses on one parcel of land with the same ownership, such as apartments.**
- Registration shall begin on January 1 and shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Commercial and institutional applicators shall submit a complete registration application to the Fertilizer Program Administrator on forms furnished by the City Clerk, along with the registration fee according to the schedule established by resolution of City Council. The fee shall be calculated to include the cost of registration application review and periodic field inspection.**

Commercial and Institutional Applicators of Manufactured Fertilizer

Registration Form (must be notarized)

Legal name of the commercial or institutional applicator	
Any other names used	
Address	
Telephone number	
Email	
Contact person for the applicant	
The product name, type of use, and the percentage weight and ratio of elemental phosphorus for every manufactured fertilizer to be used on general turf (Attach MSDS sheets)	
For institutional applicators, the address or addresses where manufactured fertilizer will be applied	

The undersigned commercial or institutional applicator attests to the accuracy of the information provided in and along with this registration form, and will comply with the requirements of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance of the City of Ann Arbor throughout the registration period, including, but not limited to, completing soil tests prior to applying manufactured fertilizer containing phosphorus and applying manufactured fertilizer at rates required by soil tests, where applicable.

Name of Commercial or Institutional Applicator

By: _____ Date _____
Signature of Owner or Duly Authorized Representative
of Commercial or Institutional Applicator

Its: _____
Title or Relationship Between Applicator and Person
Signing

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this day of _____, 20____ by
_____, _____ of _____.
Owner/Representative Title/Relationship Applicator

/s/ _____

Notary public, State of Michigan, County of _____.
My commission expires on _____.
Acting in the County of _____.

I have reviewed this application and have verified that it is complete, that the applicant has complied with the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance's reporting requirements for the previous year, and that the applicant's proposed use of manufactured fertilizer complies with the requirements of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance.

The application is approved for the calendar year of 20_____.

Signature of City of Ann Arbor Fertilizer Program Administrator Date

APPLICATION FEE PAID:

AMOUNT: _____

DATE: _____

INITIALS: _____