



Looking for fertilizer?

Here is what you need to know.

June 1 – Sept. 30

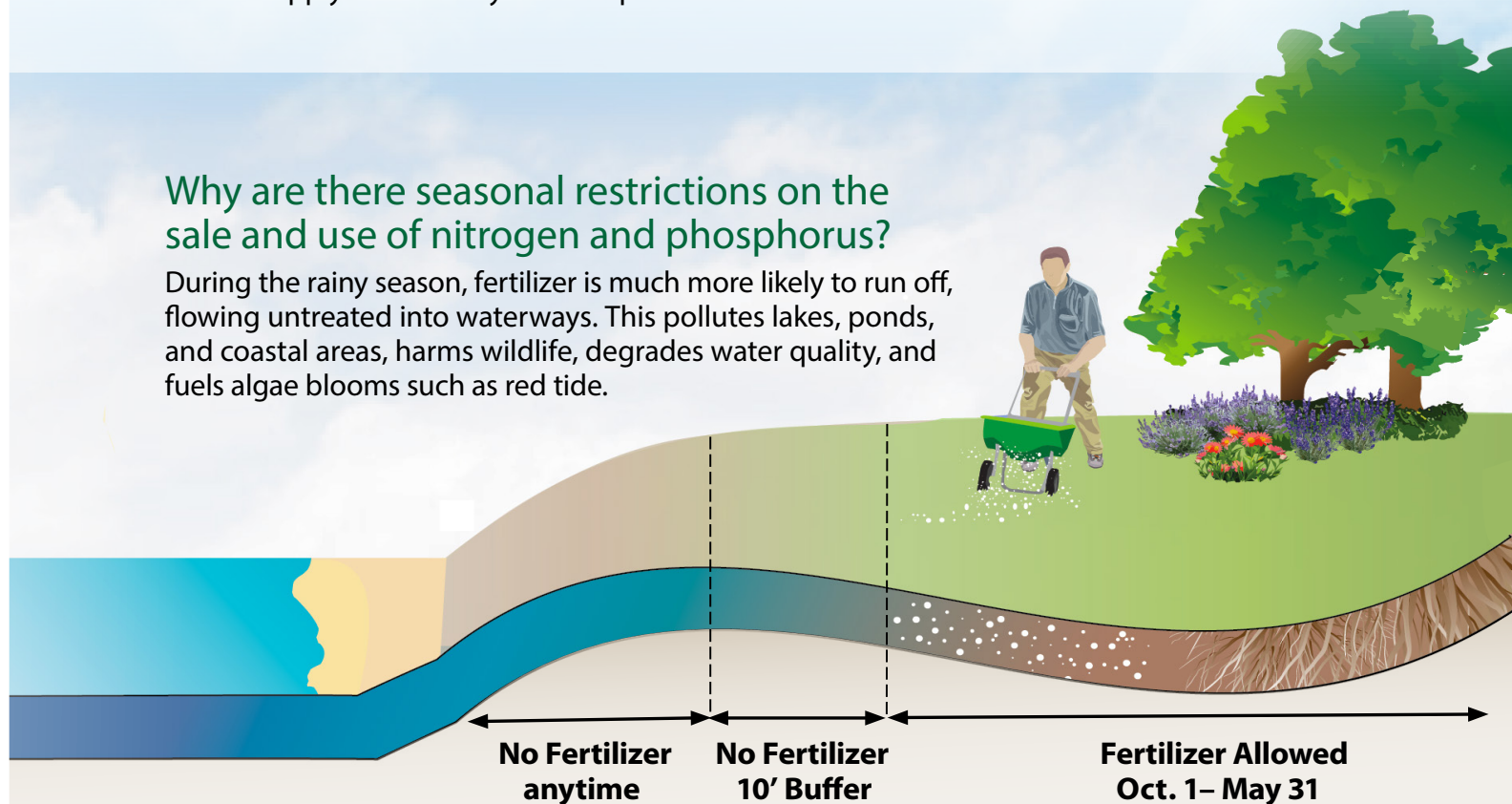
- Sale and use of nitrogen and phosphorus is restricted.
- Only use fertilizers with **0-0 as the first two numbers** in the standard three-number N-P-K code. An 0-0 label means that your fertilizer does not contain nitrogen or phosphorus.
- Do not apply when heavy rain is expected.

Oct. 1 – May 31

- Fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus may be sold and used.
- A soil test must be conducted before using phosphorus.
- Do not apply when heavy rain is expected.

Why are there seasonal restrictions on the sale and use of nitrogen and phosphorus?

During the rainy season, fertilizer is much more likely to run off, flowing untreated into waterways. This pollutes lakes, ponds, and coastal areas, harms wildlife, degrades water quality, and fuels algae blooms such as red tide.



Keep fertilizer away from bodies of water

- Fertilizers must be kept **at least 10 feet away from slopes and bodies of water.**

Irrigating with fertilizer

- Only run sprinklers long enough to apply $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water per session and follow all watering restrictions.
- Reclaimed water already contains nutrients. Adjust fertilizer use accordingly.

Visit [Pinellas.gov/fertilizer](https://pinellas.gov/fertilizer) to learn more about applying fertilizer, including recommendations for all turf types:

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