

MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT

Revisions to the draft *Nutrient Management Regulation*, respecting the application of lawn fertilizer

Definitions

10(1) The following definitions apply in this section.

"**fertilizer**" means a substance or mixture of substances that is manufactured, sold, used or intended for use, in whole or in part, as a plant nutrient.

"**ppm**" and "**soil test phosphorus level**" have the same meanings as in subsection 8(1).

"**turf**" means non-agricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

Phosphorus application limits for zone N5

10(2) No person shall apply a fertilizer containing 1% or more phosphorus by weight, expressed as P₂O₅, to turf within nutrient management zone N5, except

(a) during the year in which the turf is first established, whether by seed or sod, and the following year; or

(b) if the soil test phosphorus level, as determined within the preceding 12 months by a laboratory acceptable to the director from samples collected by a sampling method acceptable to the director,

(i) is less than 60 ppm, on land used to grow grass for sale as sod,

(ii) is less than 30 ppm, on land used as a facility for a sport played on turf, including soccer pitches, football fields and ball parks,

(iii) is less than 18 ppm, on land not described in subclause (i) or (ii).

Golf courses subject to more stringent restrictions (fertilizer can only be applied in accordance with a registered Nutrient Management Plan (s. 13))

10(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to the application of fertilizer to land used as a golf course or a driving range.

(Please note: restrictions on the application of fertilizer to golf courses and driving ranges can be found in subsections 13(1) and (2)).

Effective date

10(4) This section takes effect on January 1, 2009.

Escape or other release of nutrients to impervious surfaces in zone N5

11(1) No person shall discharge, release, apply or allow the escape of a substance containing nitrogen or phosphorus onto a paved or other impervious surface in nutrient management zone N5.

Responsibility to remove nutrient

11(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) must immediately take all reasonable steps to remove the substance from the paved or other impervious surface so that it does not drain into a storm or sewage drainage system.