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in Maryland.

Learn more. Visit www.mda.maryland.gov/fertilizer



*Classes forming
fall 2012.*

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Beginning October 1, 2013, all lawn care professionals must be certified in order to apply fertilizer in Maryland. The rules apply to professionals for hire as well as individuals responsible for turf management at golf courses, public parks, airports, athletic fields, businesses, cemeteries and other non-agricultural properties.

MDA will offer fertilizer applicator certification exams beginning fall 2012 and will publish a list of certified professional fertilizer applicators on its website. University of Maryland Extension (UME) is developing a training manual to prepare individuals to take the certification exam. Training classes will be available beginning fall 2012.

Licenses will be required for all businesses engaged in commercial fertilizer applications. Each business will be required to employ at least one certified fertilizer applicator. Licenses to qualifying firms will be available beginning fall 2012. Please check our website regularly for updates.



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