



## MARYLAND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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### FERTILIZER APPLICATOR BUSINESS LICENSE

1. Any person or company who wants to apply nutrients to turfgrass for hire or as a part of his job must be a) licensed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and b) have at least one Maryland Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicator on staff.
2. Employees of Licensed companies or agencies who fertilize turfgrass must be Registered with the State and work under the direct supervision of someone who is a Maryland Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicator.
3. Persons or companies wishing to obtain a License to fertilize turfgrass must submit an application with the following fee:  
Privately held company or sole proprietorship - \$50.00  
Government agency – No licensing fee
4. A Fertilizer Applicator Business License is valid for up to one year and expires on June 30 of each year.
5. Licensed persons or companies agree to comply with regulations set forth in COMAR 15.20.04.10.
6. The following regulatory requirements apply:
  - a. Each business location that employs a person to fertilize turfgrass must have a Fertilizer Applicator Business License.
  - b. Each business location that employs a person to fertilize turfgrass must have a Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicator on staff.
  - c. Only Maryland Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicators or Registered Employees working under the direct supervision of a Professional Fertilizer Applicator may apply fertilizer to turfgrass.
  - d. Maryland Certified Professional Fertilizer Applicators shall maintain records of fertilizer applications in accordance with the regulatory criteria of COMAR 15.20.04.10.
  - e. Fertilizer Applicator Business License holders shall keep records for a minimum of three years and make them available to the Department upon request. Record keeping requirements are identified in COMAR 15.20.04.10.
  - f. Fertilizer Applicator Business License holders must file with the Department by March 1 of each year an Annual Activity Report covering the previous year (January through December) that summarizes all turfgrass fertilization on a form specified by the Department.
  - g. The Fertilizer Applicator Business License number shall be displayed on company vehicles used for fertilizing work. The lettering shall be 2 inches high and placed on both sides of the vehicle.



**APPLICATION FOR FERTILIZER APPLICATION BUSINESS LICENSE**

LICENSING FEE OF \$50 IS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION.

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO "MDA."

Mail To:

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

50 HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY, SUITE 201

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**TURFGRASS FERTILIZATION LICENSE HOLDER (all information is required; blank lines will cause delays in application processing)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRM / AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS (all information is required; blank lines will cause delays in application processing)**

Company

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fed. EIN \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box

Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Physical

Address/

Location

Street

City State Zip

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL FERTILIZER APPLICATORS ON STAFF** To obtain and maintain a Fertilizer Applicator Business license, at least one Certified Fertilizer Applicator must be on staff.

Name (Last, First, MI)	PFA Certificate Number (or "pending" exam results)	Number of Registered Employees Supervised
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

(Continue list on the back of this sheet, if necessary.)

I understand that turfgrass fertilization services provided under this Business License must be conducted in accordance with COMAR 15.20.04.10. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Accurate records pertaining to turfgrass fertilization set by regulations must be kept a minimum of three (3) years and made available to Maryland Department of Agriculture upon request.
- An annual activity report must be filed by March 1 using a departmental form to document planning activity for the previous year (January through December).
- Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a loss of license.

I hereby apply for a Fertilizer applicator Business License in accordance with the provisions of Agriculture Article Section 8-806, and certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

License Holder Signature

Print Name

Date