



Pittsfield Charter Township
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Fertilizer Applicator & Vendor Registration

ZP Fee \$ 25.00

Application will not be processed until payment is received
 (Fee must be paid by cash or check when the application is submitted)

Applicator Information (to be completed by a Fertilizer Applicator)

(Please Print)

Company Name (If Applicable) _____ Applicant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Contact Number _____ Fax Number _____ Email Address _____

Vendor Information (to be completed by a Fertilizer Vendor)

(Please Print)

Company Name (If Applicable) _____ Applicant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Contact Number _____ Fax Number _____ Email Address _____

Applicant's Compliance Agreement

The undersigned applicant agrees to provide, upon request, test reports showing the chemical content of the fertilizers used in the Township, as required in Section 8-333 (C) of the Fertilizer Ordinance (Ordinance No. 272). Additionally, the undersigned acknowledges that the Applicant has received a copy of Ordinance No. 272, and agrees to comply with its requirements.

Applicant's Signature _____ Applicant's Name (Please Print) _____

Date _____ Applicant is: Applicator Vendor

Please return the completed Application Form and Application Fee to:

Pittsfield Charter Township
Treasurer's Office
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

If you have any questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (734) 822-2111

:: OFFICE USE ONLY ::

_____ Date _____

Fertilizer Program Administrator for Pittsfield Charter Township

:: Office Use ::	Time Stamp
Received By: _____ (Initials)	

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Sec. 8-330. Definitions.

Fertilizer applicator is a person principally engaged in the business of applying fertilizer to lawns.

Fertilizer means a product prepared for enhancing the growth of grass. It does not include raw manures, compost, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, herbicides or pesticides.

Lawn means any maintained grass area including that on playing fields and cemeteries. It does not include farmland, gardens, golf course tees, putting greens, baseball infields, grass tennis courts, airport landing areas, or sod farms.

Sec. 8-331. Prohibitions.

No person shall:

- (a) Apply fertilizer to any lawn between November 15 and April 1.
- (b) Apply any fertilizer that contains more than 0.10% phosphorus to any lawn except as provided in [section 8-332](#)
- (c) Apply fertilizer to any impervious area without promptly clearing the fertilizer from that area.
- (d) Apply fertilizer within 25 feet of any wetland, watercourse, pond, lake, or storm water retention or detention basin.

Sec. 8-332. Lawns needing phosphorus.

- (a) Between April 1 and September 30, fertilizer containing more than 0.10% phosphorus may be applied to lawns for which the owner has a soil test report showing that within the previous 12 months the soil was tested and found to be deficient in phosphorus. A fertilizer applicator shall keep a copy of such test reports for lawns on which the applicator has applied fertilizer containing more than 0.10% phosphorus and shall provide a copy of all such test reports to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
- (b)

Fertilizer containing more than 0.10% phosphorus may be applied to lawns established from seed or sod, during the first growing season of the seed or sod provided that bare soil is covered and stabilized with mulch to prevent runoff.

- (c) Unless specifically noted otherwise on the product label, fertilizer containing more than 0.10% phosphorus shall be watered into the soil within 14 hours of application so that the fertilizer is immobilized and prevented from loss by runoff.

Sec. 8-333. Registration of fertilizer applicators and vendors.

- (a) No person shall act as a fertilizer applicator unless currently registered with the Township.
- (b) No person shall make retail sales of fertilizer unless currently registered with the Township.
- (c) Registration shall be made by completing a form prepared by the Township and by paying a fee in the amount determined by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees. The form shall include the fertilizer applicator's agreement to provide, upon request, test reports showing the chemical content of fertilizers used in the Township.
- (d) A registration shall be effective for one year.
- (e) The Township Board of Trustees may revoke a registration for up to one year, if, after a public hearing, it determines that a fertilizer applicator has violated this Article.
- (f) No person shall sell fertilizer unless a notice is placed in the fertilizer display area to indicate which fertilizers can be used unless the exceptions of Section 8-332 apply.

Sec. 8-334. Fertilizer storage.

Fertilizer shall not be stored uncontained, and if stored outdoors, it must be stored in a watertight container.

Sec. 8-335. Public information.

If the Township makes available a brochure explaining the terms and purposes of this article:

- (a) No person shall sell fertilizer without giving the buyer a copy of the brochure.
- (b) No fertilizer applicator shall apply fertilizer to a lawn without giving the lawn owner a copy of the brochure.

Sec. 8-336. Violations.

Violations of this Article are civil infractions subject to the penalties specified in Section 2-241 of Article VI of Chapter 2.

(Ord. 272, eff. 5/5/07)