

The Jacaranda West Home Owners Association follows these guidelines for the care of our ponds, lawns and landscaping.

The following will naturally enhance our neighborhood ponds and landscapes by using an approach which include reducing chemical inputs and building up natural defenses.

- *Follow Florida Friendly Planting Principles (FFP) which reduce chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, reliance on ultimately can end up in stormwater systems.*
- *Plant Florida native species, do not overwater plants and lawns, fertilize appropriately, mulch, do not discard yard waste into storm drains and ponds, manage yard pests, recycle yard waste responsibly and protect the shoreline.*
- *Apply slow-release fertilizer only when plants show signs of nutrient deficiency and always follow instructions on the label. It is your responsibility if you employ a lawn service company to make sure they follow Sarasota County codes regarding fertilizer applications.*
- *Fertilizer use is restricted across Sarasota County during the June 1-September 30 rainy season. No fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus are to be applied during this restricted season.*
- *Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten feet of any body of water or wetland per Sarasota County regulations.*
- *Establish a 10 foot wide Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) and no mow zone around the pond's bank and install a line of low-maintenance plants there to filter what water does roll off the land. Plants here help battle erosion, by developing root systems that hold soil against the frequent, heavy rains. Even the seemingly gentle lap of waves will, over time, wash away shorelines.*

Specific restrictions, codes and Florida Friendly practices can be found by visiting <https://www.scgov.net/government/utilities-water/water-services/fertilizer-management>.

Please also review the Jacaranda West HOA website for more information on the care of our ponds, lawns and landscaping.