

## **Annapolis, Md., Bans Use of Fertilizer Containing Phosphorous**

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Annapolis, Md., seeks to reduce pollution flowing to Chesapeake Bay by banning the use of lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorous. To help reduce pollution flowing to the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Md., banned the use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorous. Newly established turf or lawn during their first growing season; lawn areas where soil tests show a deficiency in phosphorous levels; vegetable, flower, tree and shrub gardens and yard waste composts receive exemptions.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, Annapolis businesses may not display on their shelves lawn fertilizer that contains more than zero percent phosphorous. Businesses can store the fertilizer off the sales floor, however, and sell it upon request. The business also can put up signs advising customers that fertilizer containing phosphorous is available by request.

These stores must prominently display signs referring to the new regulations and the effects of phosphorus on the Chesapeake Bay. Violators of the new regulations are subject to a fine.