



Fertilizer Ordinance

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Fertilizer Ordinance?

In 2001, a Fertilizer Resolution was enacted by the Township Board to restrict the type, location, timing and quantity of fertilizer they apply to any property within the Township. Through a Registered Fertilizer Applicator Program, commercial fertilizer firms agree to follow the requirements of the resolution for all work done in the Township. In 2010, this resolution was updated and adopted as an ordinance to ensure the provisions of the ordinance are enforced.

Is everyone who applies fertilizer required to register with the Township?

No, registration is only required for companies who are paid to apply fertilizer in Bloomfield Township.

When can fertilizer be applied?

Fertilizers should not be applied more than once every six weeks within the growing season from April 1 through November 15 of each calendar year.

What is the cost of registration and how long is it valid?

The registration fee has been set by resolution of Township Board at \$150.00. Registrations are valid for a two-year period the first having an expiration date of December 31, 2011 and thereafter continuing to expire on a two-year schedule.

What if I register in the middle of a given two-year cycle?

Registration applications received during the registration period shall expire on the same two-year schedule regardless of date submitted.

What other items are required to be submitted with the registration materials?

In addition to the completed application for permit, the applicant shall submit a copy of all Material Safety Data Sheets for fertilizer compounds used and vehicle identification information for each vehicle (including trailers) that will be utilized in performance of services.

If ordinance provisions only apply to commercial fertilizer applicators, why should I follow them?

Michigan soils are naturally abundant in phosphorus. The Fertilizer Ordinance provisions, while not required, are highly encouraged for those residents applying fertilizer to their own property to protect water resources from the impact of excessive nutrient loading.

Who do I report a violation to?

If you see a violation please call the Ordinance Division at 248-594-2845.

How do I know if a company is registered?

A registration sticker should be visible on the driver side bumper. A list of registered applicators is available on the Township website

<http://www.bloomfieldtp.org/Services/EES/Environment/Fertilizers.asp>

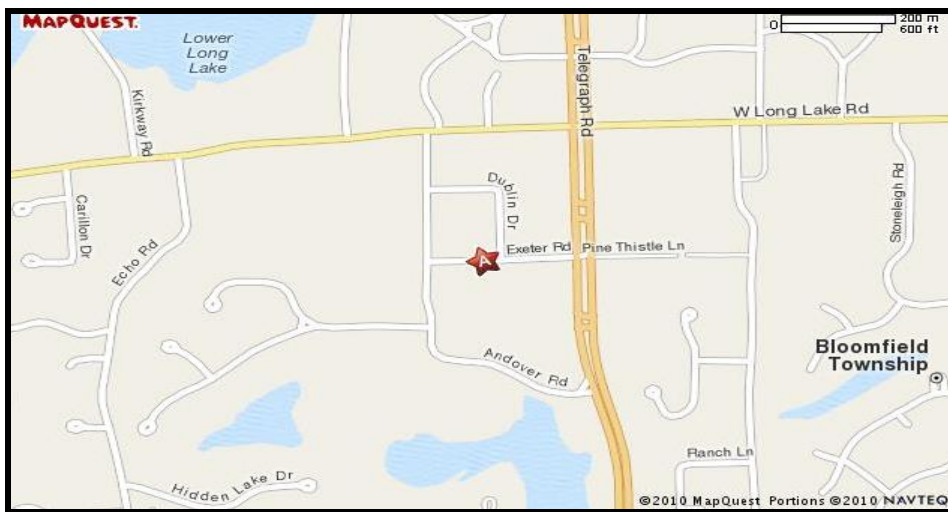
Where do I submit registration materials?

Completed Registration documents can be mailed to 4200 Telegraph Road, Attn: Engineering and Environmental Services Department or delivered in person to the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at the Dave Payne Public Services Building located at 1153 Exeter Street.

How can I learn more?

The Township has created a website to assist with the implementation of the permit. The webpage is <http://www.bloomfieldtpw.org/Services/EES/Environment/Fertilizers.htm>. In addition, questions regarding application processing or completeness should be directed to the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at **248-594-2800**.

Location Map



Site Map

