

Lagoon Friendly Lawn

Nutrient Pollution Reduction Program

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Bronze Level Commitment

1. I promise to be fertilizer free from June 1st through September 30th per the County Ordinance.

**Prevents fertilizer from being washed away rather than absorbed during the rainy season.*

2. I promise to use slow-release nitrogen fertilizer at least 50% of the time (if I fertilize).

**Allows plants to use fertilizer as needed rather than being oversaturated at once.*

3. I promise to test my soil to determine if phosphorus is needed before using it in a fertilizer.

**Decreases over use of phosphorus as it is naturally occurring in our soil.*

4. I promise to regularly pick up my pet's waste from my yard and in my neighborhood.

**Pet waste releases nitrogen into the storm water as it is washed away.*

5. I promise to wash my car on a porous surface reduce sediments and heavy metals.

**Prevents sediments and heavy metals from becoming pollutants in runoff allowing time to seep through the ground naturally.*

6. I promise to not push my grass clippings into the nearby storm drain or drainage ditch.

**Cut grass decomposes releasing all the fertilizers and naturally occurring nutrients. The detritus material also contributes to the "Ooze" or muck lining the soil and killing sea grasses in the Lagoon.*

7. I promise to maintain a 4' "buffer" from any storm drain, drainage ditch or waterfront when using fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides.

**Prevents overflow or spray directly into water or storm drains and allows for the extra fertilizer to naturally migrate towards the lower parts of the yard.*

I, _____, promise my lawn located at _____ (Address)

_____ (City) will follow this criteria to be recognized as a Lagoon Friendly Lawn.

Signature: _____

Date: _____