

EARTH-FRIENDLY FERTILIZERS: Updated April 2005

RECOMMENDED FOR LAKE AND RIVER WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN*

**Recommended by the
Healthy Lawns and Gardens Technical Advisory Committee**

Criteria for designation as an earth-friendly fertilizer:

Slow-release nitrogen:

- Natural organic fertilizer; or
- Synthetic fertilizer with 50% or more W.I.N. or controlled-release component

Low-phosphorus or no-phosphorus:

- Ratio of nitrogen-to-phosphate is 5:1 or greater

Free of all pesticides (including herbicides); no weed-and-feed.

<u>BRAND NAME</u>	<u>N-P-K</u>	<u>% Slow-Release Nitrogen</u>
Corn Gluten Products	9-0-0	85%
Clean Green Soy Fertilizer	7-0-0	High
Fertrell Lawn Fertilizers	9-1-4 or 8-1-8	70% - 85%
Greenview – Low Phosphorus	26-4-12	76%
Greenview – Zero Phosphorus	27-0-12	76%
Ringer Lawn Restore	10-2-6	76%
Safer Lawn Restore	10-2-6	76%
Safer Natural Turf Program	8-1-1	93%

Note #1: Milorganite and Turf Nurture are not on the “Earth Friendly” fertilizer list – even though they contain (1) slow-release nitrogen; and (2) do not contain pesticides. These fertilizers contain phosphorus at levels which do not conform to the criteria identified by the Healthy Lawns and Gardens Technical Advisory Committee.

Note #2: Scott’s Lawn Fertilizer (26-0-3) is zero phosphorus but does not have a significant quantity of slow-release nitrogen.

Note #3: This is a partial listing. Other products meeting these criteria may be available. If you are aware of other products, please contact: Lillian Dean at LFDean@aol.com or 248-546-5818.