

FERTILIZER

The use of any fertilizer, organic or inorganic, on your lawn, trees, bushes, and flowers is banned in Taconic Shores. This includes fertilizer/pesticide combination products commonly known as “Weed and Feed” and “Bone Meal,” which is concentrated phosphorous. Homeowners are also responsible to make sure that their lawn care company complies with this rule.

All fertilizers consist of phosphorous, and/or nitrogen and potassium, nutrients that enhance plant growth. When they run off your property during or after a rain or along with snow melt, they contaminate Robinson Pond and disrupt its delicate ecology. Phosphorous especially promotes algae growth in the lake.

Even when planting new bushes or trees, you do not need to add fertilizer because our soil is naturally rich in phosphorous (according to the NY State Department of Conservation). Instead, choose the right plants for *your* property, and follow instructions for proper planting.