

## **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.**

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

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**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](mailto:LFDean@aol.com) or 248-546-5818.