

## **FAQs about the Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course:**

**Q: I am a landscaper with a Home Improvement Contractor License but I do not use fertilizer. Do I need to take a Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course?**

**A:** No. If you do not apply any type of fertilizer whatsoever, you do not need to take this course. You will need to affirm that you do not use fertilizer when applying for or renewing your Home Improvement Contractor License with Consumer Affairs.

**Q: I use only organic fertilizer products. Do I need to take a Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course?**

**A:** Yes. Any type of product, whether it be chemical or organic, that is added to the soil to supplement nutrients (excluding only unmanipulated manure) falls under the category of fertilizer. If you use any type of fertilizer in your work, you need to take a Suffolk County approved Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course in order to apply for or renew your Home Improvement Contractor License.

**Q: I currently do not have a Home Improvement Contractor License but I am interested in applying for one in the future. Should I take a Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course?**

**A:** Yes. If you intend to use any type of fertilizer in your work you will need to take a Suffolk County approved Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course in order to apply for a Home Improvement Contractor License. Suffolk County offered free courses in the past, but it has not yet been determined if the County will be holding future free classes. However, we will make sure that classes are available. These classes may be offered with other agencies, and a fee may be involved.

**Q: I have previous training/certification in fertilizer and pesticide application. Do I need to take a Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course?**

**A:** Yes. Although you may have previous training in fertilizer application, you will, by law, still need to take a Suffolk County approved Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course and present your certificate of completion in order to apply for or renew your Home Improvement Contractor License.

**Q: Who needs to attend the Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Course? (Does the owner of the business need to go? Can more than one person attend? Can we send an employee? etc.)**

**A:** The person whose name is on the Home Improvement Contractor License is required to attend the Course. If you are in business with a partner(s) and the License is only in one of your names, we encourage both/all of you to attend. You may not send an employee to take this course in place of the License holder.

**Q: Will you be holding Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Courses in the future?**

**A:** Suffolk County offered Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Courses for free in the past. We have not yet determined if there will be enough resources for the County to hold future classes without fees. However, there will be Suffolk County approved Nitrogen Fertilizer Turf Management Courses offered in the future and a fee may be charged for these courses. These courses will be posted on the Suffolk County web site:

[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/environmentandenergy/FRI.aspx](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/environmentandenergy/FRI.aspx) as they are scheduled.