



## Application

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Commercial Nutrient Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nutrient Management Certification #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the requirements of the Delaware Livable Lawns Program as set forth in pages 2 and 3 of this Application (Requirements for Certification). We agree to maintain any marketing materials provided to us by the Delaware Livable Lawns Program for our use.

By my signature below, I understand my business's responsibilities as stewards of the Delaware Livable Lawns Program.

**Signature of Certified Commercial Nutrient Handler**

**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Business Owner/Manager**

**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application form to DNLA at PO Box 897, Hockessin DE 19707.  
Contact DNLA at 888-448-1203 or at [info@dnlaonline.org](mailto:info@dnlaonline.org).**

## Requirements for Certification:

1. Keep fertilizer and grass clippings off any impervious surfaces (ex. sidewalks, driveways)
2. Leave behind educational lawn care materials provided by the Delaware Livable Lawns Program and explain to the homeowner that he/she needs to follow the same guidelines when performing any lawn care on their own, in order to maintain the integrity of the program.
3. For all new accounts (individual lawns that you previously had not treated), you must test the soil for phosphorus, potassium, and pH prior to application.
4. For established accounts (individual lawns that you have treated within a year or are currently treating), test the soil once every three years to determine the specific needs of the lawn.
5. Apply nutrients based on the requirements given in the table on the next page titled "Requirements for Fertilizer Application".
6. Calibrate spreaders for correct application rates and record the pounds of nutrients applied to each lawn.
7. Have a certified Commercial Nutrient Handler employed within the company.
8. Submit the "Reporting and Tracking" form once per year to the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association by December 31.
9. All certified companies will be required to keep all soil test results and application information for 3 years to be randomly audited by the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association.
10. Contact the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association in the event of any loss or damage of marketing materials. Movement, change or destruction of marketing materials is prohibited without authorization from the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association.

### Additional Program Recommendations:

In addition to the Requirements for Certification, companies certified under the Delaware Livable Lawns Program should adhere to the following recommendations, whenever possible:

1. Provide residents with copies of their soil tests and information to help them understand their results.
2. Seed with turf-type tall fescue or other low nutrient requiring grass species.
3. Use slow release fertilizers.

### 2021 Timeline

April 30, 2021 – Application Form Deadline for 2021-2022 Delaware Livable Lawns Program

March 2021 – December 2021 – Maintain records of soil test results and reporting and tracking data

December 31, 2021 – Reporting and Tracking Form Deadline for 2021 Delaware Livable Lawns Program

January 31, 2022 – Certified Delaware Livable Lawns Companies Notified for 2022 Program

January 31, 2022 -- Marketing Materials available for Certified Companies

Turfgrass Species	Max amt of nitrogen allowed over entire year	Recommended Application Rates and Timings when using fertilizer containing less than 35% SAN (Slowly Available Nitrogen)	Recommended Application Rates and Timings when using fertilizer containing more than 35% SAN (Slowly Available Nitrogen)
<b>Cool Season Grasses (e.g. Tall Fescue, Perennial Rye, Fine Fescue, Kentucky Bluegrass)</b>	3 lbs/1000 sq ft	March or April: 0.5 lb/1000 sq ft September: 1 lb/1000 sq ft October: 1 lb/1000 sq ft November: 0.5 lb/1000 sq ft	August: 1.5 lb/1000 sq ft October: 1.5 lb/1000 sq ft
<b>Warm Season Grasses (e.g. Bermudagrass, Zoysiagrass)</b>	3 lbs/1000 sq ft	May: 1 lb/1000 sq ft June: 1 lb/1000 sq ft July or August: 1 lb/1000 sq ft	May: 1.5 lb/1000 sq ft July: 1.5 lb/1000 sq ft

**Limitation On Use of Phosphorus:** If soil test results show phosphorus levels above optimum, do not apply phosphorus. If phosphorus is recommended by a soil test, apply no more than 1 lb/1000 sq ft per application.

**Summer Application Restrictions:** Fertilizer application is prohibited on cool season grass between June 16 and August 14, except for a summer application of  $\leq 5$  lbs./1000 ft<sup>2</sup> of 60% SAN (Slowly Available Nitrogen)

**Cold Weather Application Restrictions:** Fertilizer application is prohibited between December 7 and February 15 and on snow and frozen ground