



# Conservation Times

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For Johnson County residents interested in agricultural and natural resource issues.

## Congratulations Youth Board!



The JC Youth Conservation Board received the Friend of Conservation Award in recognition of their 26 years of presenting the 5th Grade Pine Seedling Program. This state award recognizes individuals or entities that have made outstanding contributions to soil & water conservation efforts in Indiana. The Youth Board has existed over 26 years, and current Youth Board members would like to acknowledge and thank the many Youth Board members that have participated over the years. Standing from Left: Leslie Barnett, Ric Schlosser: Director JCSWCD, Kayla Bechman, Tom Bechman: YB Advisor, Bailey Johnson, Casey Campbell, Seated: Cody Snyder, Brianna Goreham Not Pictured: Erin Bush, and Makayla Plummer.

## Director Notes

As everyone is concerned in these times of budgetary constraints, we are also looking at optional ways of focusing our limited resources. One of the ways will be to publish The Conservation Times semi-annually rather than quarterly. Look for The Conservation Times now in the spring and fall.

I also invite you to stop by our office and peruse our library of informational literature. Most are free and include an array of topics from Ag to Urban.

## Email Newsletter

Would you like to receive our newsletter via email instead of regular mail? In these difficult economic times, we are working to reduce our costs, and an e-newsletter is a great way to do so. If you are interested, please call us at the office or send an email to [swcd@swcd.org](mailto:swcd@swcd.org) to submit your request.

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**Mission** — To conserve and enhance our soil, water, and other natural resources by coordinating with local partners to provide technical, financial, and educational opportunities in Johnson County.

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*Published quarterly and distributed to landowners, farm operators, schools, local agencies, public officials, conservation organizations, and other interested individuals.*

## How is My Lawn Connected to Clean Water?

Lawns are a significant feature of urban landscapes. Estimates of turf and lawn coverage in the United States are as high as 30 million acres, which, if lawns were classified as a crop, would rank as the fifth largest in the country after corn, soybeans, wheat and hay (Swann and Schueler, 2000). This large area of managed landscape has the potential to contribute to urban runoff pollution due to over-fertilization, over-watering, over-application of pesticides and direct disposal of lawn clippings, leaves, and trimmings. Also, erosion from bare patches of poorly managed lawns contributes sediment to watercourses.

With all the recent heavy rains, now might be a good time for homeowners to ask a simple question—how is my lawn connected to clean water? Water quality friendly lawn care includes practices such as using phosphorus-free fertilizer, landscaping with native plants, managing yard and pet wastes and overall lawn reform. Protecting healthy and adequate water supplies takes the partnership of individual residents, businesses, local governments, civic groups and educators at all levels.

Individual homeowners and renters control most of the land in Indiana. How they manage water on private properties is critical to keeping public water supplies healthy. Simple actions, such as picking up pet wastes helps. As waste decomposes it releases nutrients (like phosphorus), and bacteria (like E.coli) that may wash into storm drains and then into local streams untreated. Avoiding putting grass clipping or leaves into storm sewers also helps. Yard waste can be composted or grass clipping can be left to decompose on the lawn and provide natural fertilizer for a lawn. Homeowners are encouraged to talk to their neighbors about what they are doing. Business owners often represent leadership in a local community and manage the landscapes of places that people frequently visit. These properties could be showcases for clean water! Members of every community participate in groups, churches, organizations, and events that link them together as part of a community. Through these groups and activities, individuals can have a voice and have an impact on others around them. These ‘others’ (friends, colleagues, neighbors, local politicians) are making choices which affect water quality everyday. Good water quality needs the involvement of the whole community! For additional information visit one of these web sites:

[www.swcd.org](http://www.swcd.org)  
[www.jccleanwater.org](http://www.jccleanwater.org)  
[www.in.gov/idem/4522.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/4522.htm)  
[www.clearchoicescleanwater.org](http://www.clearchoicescleanwater.org)

# Fertilizer Applicator Certification Rule

This is an excerpt of a memo from the Office of the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner.

## NEW !!! FERTILIZER APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION RULE

On July 28, 2010, the Indiana rule requiring *Certification for Distributors and Users of Fertilizer Materials (355 IAC 7-1-1)* became effective. The date for full compliance with the requirements of this rule will be **January 1, 2012**.

The processes resulting in this new rule have been supported by a variety of agricultural groups and others who have envisioned this as an opportunity for fertilizer material applicators and distributors such as you to demonstrate your competency and ability to handle and apply these materials safely and effectively. In addition, this provides a state-wide standard for applicator certification and training.

For general questions go to [www.isco.purdue.edu](http://www.isco.purdue.edu) or call **1-800-893-6637**.

### Summary of the rule requirements:

1. For purposes of this rule, “**fertilizer material**” is defined to mean both commercial fertilizer and manure from a confined feeding operation (CFO).
2. Any person using (applying, handling, or transporting) fertilizer material **for hire** for purposes of producing an agricultural crop must be:
  - a) certified and licensed by OISC in Category 14; or
  - b) trained & supervised by a Category 14 applicator; and
  - c) working for a licensed Category 14 fertilizer business.
3. Any person applying manure from a CFO (*in excess of 10 cubic yards or 4,000 gallons per year*) to his/her own property must be certified by OISC as a **private fertilizer applicator**.
4. Certified and licensed applicators may **supervise** up to ten (10) employees that they have trained and are working within the business or farming operation.
5. Any person (individual, partnership, corporation, business, etc.) that **only distributes** but does not use fertilizer material must obtain a fertilizer distributor business license.

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\* Note: Johnson County residents may deduct \$10.00 per tree from these prices for cost share. This includes absentee landowners who live in another county, but will be planting their purchased tree(s) in Johnson County. Cost sharing provided by the 2011 Clean Water Indiana Fund Grant.

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