

EARTH-FRIENDLY FERTILIZERS FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION - May 2016

*Recommended by SOCWA, the Michigan Green Industry Association, and local partners –
With advice from Michigan State University Extension*

Criteria for designation as an earth-friendly fertilizer:

Low-phosphorus or no-phosphorus:

- Zero phosphorus
- Low-phosphorus manure or composted manure as defined in the Michigan Fertilizer Act

Slow-release nitrogen:

- Natural organic fertilizer; or
- Synthetic fertilizer with 40% or more water insoluble nitrogen (WIN). or 40% of another controlled-release component

Free of all pesticides (including herbicides); no weed-and-feed.

BRAND NAME	N-P-K	% Slow-Release Nitrogen
Espoma Organic Lawn Food (various products)	9-0-0; 8-0-0; or 8-0-5	84%
Fertrell Lawn Fertilizer – Custom Blend	5-0-5	70%
Grass Magic	15-0-7	70%
Jonathan Green Organic Lawn Fertilizer	10-0-1 or 10-0-20	95%
Milorganite	5-2-0	66%
Safer Lawn Restore	10-0-6	76%
Soil Science	5-0-7	High
Turf Nurture (small bag only)	15-0-7	75%
<u>CORN GLUTEN PRODUCTS:</u>		
Espoma Organic Weed Preventer	9-0-0	91%
Jonathan Green Organic Weed Control	9-0-0	76%
Organica Lawn Booster	8-0-1	94%
Safe Lawn	9-0-0	91%



Other products meeting these criteria may be available. To submit products for review, please contact SOCWA, the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority 248-288-5150 or LFDean2@gmail.com. See also Michigan Fertilizer Law as amended (MCL 324.8501 et. seq.); and www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer.