

It begins in your yard

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How you fertilize your lawn impacts our lakes and streams.

Rainwater washes off your yard taking things like fertilizer, pesticides and dirt with it. These pollutants go into our waterways directly or through the storm drains.

If you choose to use, here are some fertilizing tips...

- Always use a lawn fertilizer with **slow-release nitrogen and no phosphorus.**
- **Apply it only once a year, in the fall.** This is the best time to repair summer damage and prepare your lawn for spring growth – no additional fertilizer needed!
- **Use a broom, not a hose,** to clean fertilizer spills and granules on sidewalks.

Small actions make a **BIG difference!**



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