



Here's what you can do to protect your area waterways.

- Use the correct amount of fertilizer. More isn't better.
- Follow fertilizer package instructions or have your soil tested.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly.
- Work with your lawn care service to make sure they "do the right thing."
- Bag your lawn waste and leave it on the curb for pickup.
- Mow the top 1/3 of your grass and leave the clippings on your lawn. Your lawn will require less water and fertilizer.

- Consider using organic fertilizers and pest control methods.
- Make your own compost using yard waste or use a commercially available variety. Mixing compost with your soil means you'll need less chemical fertilizer.
- Sweep up clippings and fertilizer from paved surfaces and dispose of them properly.



- Rake leaves and grass clippings out of the street and gutter.
- Keep soil covered with vegetation or mulch to control erosion.



- DON'T overwater after fertilizing.
- DON'T fertilize right before it rains.
- DON'T use fertilizer or mulch made with manure.

