










Over-feeding
our lawns may also
green our rivers
and ponds!

Green Lawns Without Green Waters!

Applying more fertilizer than the label recommends or your soil needs won't improve your lawn, and instead the extra fertilizer may wash off into nearby waterways. Just as fertilizer helps plants grow on the land, it encourages algae and other aquatic plants to grow in water. Dense weeds and algae reduce oxygen in the water, which in turn harms fish and other aquatic life. "Green water" is also much less attractive for boating, swimming and other human uses.

Please help keep our local waters clean:

-  Test your lawn soil and calibrate your spreader.
-  Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly. Sweep any overspray back onto the lawn.
-  Mow 2.5 to 3 inches high with a sharp blade to encourage dense growth and deter weeds.
-  Leave grass clippings on the lawn to lessen the need for fertilizer.
-  Never discard yard waste down storm drains or into waterways.
-  Water deeply and infrequently, and time watering to avoid evaporation and runoff.
-  Reseed bare areas with drought-tolerant varieties of grass.

**For more information, visit our community's website
or go to www.stormwatermatters.org.**