

# Healthy Lawns Mean Healthy Streams

Limited amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus are important for healthy lawn growth, but too much can burn lawns AND run off to cause algae blooms that deplete oxygen in streams and harm aquatic life.

## What to Do to Save Our Streams & Save Money



1. Apply fertilizer at the spreader setting shown on the bag; avoid overuse.
2. Return any unused product to the original container for future use.
3. Do not apply fertilizers a.) when a heavy rain is predicted, b.) during drought conditions when lawns lie dormant, or c.) before March 1 or after Nov. 15.
4. Use a drop spreader or a rotary spreader with a side guard to keep fertilizer on the lawn. Sweep excess from paved surfaces.
5. For a healthier, greener lawn, fertilize after the first lawn cut in the spring and again in the fall – these are the best times for grass to absorb nutrients.
6. Soil tests can help identify what nutrients your lawn needs. Contact the Rutgers Master Gardeners Program for free help - 908-526-6293.

For more info, go to: [CleanWaterNJ.org](http://CleanWaterNJ.org)

Other tips to prevent non-point source pollution in our streams are found below.

## Supporting Documents

“Solutions to Stormwater Pollution” – Stormwater Public Education Brochure 83.47 KB

What is a Watershed and Stormwater Public Education Brochure 825.59 KB

Car Wash Tip Card 92.56 KB

Fertilizer Tip Card 75.83 KB

Motor Oil Tip Card 62.09 KB

Pet Waste Tip Card 64.79 KB

## Related Links

- [Healthy Lawns, Healthy Water – NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection](#)
- [The Clean Water Book – NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection](#)
- [Pesticide Publications – NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites – Somerset County](#)
- [Composting Fact Sheets – Rutgers University | NJ Agricultural Experiment Station](#)