

Stormwater tip 8-2017

The Pennsylvania DEP discourages spring application of fertilizer as it creates excessive top growth of grass. However, late August/early September is a good time to fertilize and then a 2nd application in late October if needed. This late season fertilizing promotes vigorous root growth. Chose organic rather than chemical based fertilizers and follow the instructions carefully so as not to over-fertilize. Finally, think about having a soil test completed. You may find there is no need to fertilize after all. The County Extension office should have mail-in soil test kits.