

Monthly Stormwater Tip

Get your lawn mower ready for the busy season ahead by checking filters and spark plugs and sharpening the blade. Consider raising the blade to cut at a height of 4". Studies show that mowing at this height prevents the growth of crabgrass as effectively as a chemical herbicide.

Test your soil in the spring to determine what nutrients, if any, are needed to be added to the soil. Testing saves time, money and the environment by preventing over application of chemicals. Kits can be purchased for \$9-\$12 from the Penn State Extension's Delaware County Office. Call 610-690-2655 or email Delawareext@psu.edu

Before the first mowing, lightly rake the lawn to remove compacted grass and mold caused by the excess moisture from winter weather. The first clippings can be used to start a compost pile. After that, grass clippings should be left on the lawn as nature's fertilizer.