

Monthly Storm water Tip – June 2015

Fertilizer runoff is a serious culprit when it comes to storm water pollution. If you are using commercial fertilizer on your lawn, make sure that you don't apply it when heavy rain is in the forecast, as a heavy rain will wash the fertilizer onto streets and sidewalks and eventually it will flow into the storm drain and from there into our streams, creeks, and rivers. Fertilizer can cause algal blooms, which kill fish and wildlife.

You can fertilize your lawn by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them. The clippings will quickly break down and add nitrogen to your soil.

For good lawn health, set your lawnmower blades high (at least 3 inches) and mow regularly, so you're cutting off only about one-third of the plant. Get your lawn mower blades sharpened regularly so they actually cut the grass, not tear it out. These steps will improve the health of your lawn and lessen the need to apply fertilizer.