

## Monthly Stormwater Tip – September 2014

**If you fertilize your lawn *once a year*, September to mid-October is the best time to do so.**

September usually brings cooler temperatures and more rain, and it is a time when weeds are dying back. For the greatest benefit to your lawn, **be sure to use a “slow release” fertilizer.** This long-lasting type of nutrient also is more likely to stay in the root zone rather than washing off the lawn and into the street and down the storm drain during the next rainstorm.

Here are a few other tips to minimize the effect that fertilizers have on our water resources:

- If you've been in the habit of fertilizing more than once, **consider cutting back** and fertilizing just in September.
- **More is not better!** Use only the amount directed.
- **Check the weather forecast**, and don't apply fertilizer when heavy rain is predicted.
- **Clean up any spills** by sweeping the product back onto the lawn. Never sweep fertilizer toward a paved surface or a stormdrain!