

What can you do to protect our river?

Lawn Fertilizers

**FERTILIZING
MORE THAN
JUST YOUR
LAWN!**



Lawn fertilizers can get washed into our local rivers and streams, eventually ending up in Lake Erie, and helping promote algal growth.



Sweep fertilizer off hard surfaces!

Things To Do

Know what nutrients are in your fertilizer.

Test your soils and apply the proper amount of fertilizer needed.

Avoid applying prior to a rainfall.

What Does N-P-K Mean on Fertilizer Packaging?

N = Nitrogen **P** = Phosphorus **K** = Potassium

Example Packaging Nutrient Ratio

32-0-4

This ratio indicates that there is **32% of N**, **0% of P**, and **4% of K** in this bag of fertilizer.

Test Your Soils

Knowing your soil nutrient levels are crucial for determining how much fertilizer to apply! You can get do-it-yourself test kits, or hire a professional to do it for you.

You might find out you **DON'T** need to fertilize your lawn at all!

Try phosphorus free fertilizers!

One pound of phosphorus can help grow up to 500 pounds of algae!



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