HEALTHY LAWNS - HEALTHY WATER

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1. Choose a no phosphorus and slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. Check the first and second number on the package for nitrogen and phosphate content. Formula, 26-0-3, for example, means no phosphate.
- 2. Apply fertilizer at the spreader setting shown on the bag, to avoid overuse or underuse of product.
- 3. Return any unused product to the original container for future use.
- 4. Do not apply fertilizer products if a heavy rain is predicted.
- 5. Use a drop spreader or a rotary spreader with a side guard to keep fertilizer on the lawn and off driveways, roadways and walkways. Sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces.
- 6. For a healthier, greener lawn, fertilize after the first lawn cutting in the spring and again in the fall when weather conditions are best for grass to absorb nutrients.
- 7. Soil tests can help identify what nutrients your lawn needs. Contact your County Extension Agent at http://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/ for details and other helpful lawn and garden information.

8. For more information visit www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater



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