

Clean Water starts at Home Tip #5

Are You Feeding the Algae Monster?

Did You Know

When grass clippings get washed down driveways, sidewalks, and streets most eventually end up in a waterbody?

The cheapest solution to phosphorus pollution is prevention!!



What You Can Do

Mow high! Adjust your mower to leave grass 3 inches high (a little wider than a dollar bill). Tall lawns use **less water, handle heat stress better, and compete better with weeds.**



Sweep it up! Keep grass clippings off the street, driveway, sidewalk, or other paved areas. Return to lawn or compost pile.

Leave the clippings on the lawn Grass can use the nutrients from the clippings especially on our sandy soils. And, you can save money on fertilizer.

Please Don't Feed the Algae Monster!



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