

# Learn How to Apply Lawn Fertilizers

The 4 R's – Right Rate, Right product, **RIGHT PLACE**, Right Time

To keep your lawn green and downstream waters blue, keep fertilizers on your lawn and away from open water, wetlands, and areas that treat storm water. Keep away from impervious surfaces!

**YES**

- Established Lawns
- Away from Downsouts
- Clean Up
- Away from Open Water
- Away from Driveways
- Non-sloping Turf

**NO**

- Storm Water Catchments
- Bioswales
- Rain Gardens
- Wet Detention
- Ditches
- Wetlands
- Grassy Swales
- Storm Drains
- Urban Lakes
- Impervious Areas
- Bare Dirt
- Small Areas

*Green Lawns, Blue Waters – Protecting Colorado's Water One Yard at a Time*

# Green Lawns Blue Waters Be P-Free

- Don't apply fertilizer within 15 feet of water
- Watch the weather, avoid any storms
- Calculate the right amount to apply
- Use phosphorus free fertilizer
- Storm drains are not treated
- Sweep up all fertilizer spills
- Mulch your lawn clippings
- Compost your leaves
- Exposed soils erode
- Get a soil test

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Buy phosphorus-free fertilizer and keep our water clean.

*Don't feed the algae: Too much nitrogen and phosphorus grow scummy algae in our lakes. Do your part and help keep Colorado's water clean by using phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers. [Learn more](#)* →