

## REDUCING THE PHOSPHORUS IN OUR LAKES AND STREAMS

1. Reduce watering of lawns and do it in the mornings. The more water that goes on your lawn, the more that enters the lakes and streams taking phosphorus with it, and over-watering does not help your plants grow.



2. Plant some trees. Trees help reduce run-off into lakes and streams, and also help keep our air cleaner.
3. Let your grass grow a bit higher and leave the clipping on it. This creates healthier lawns with better growth and also fertilizes naturally.
4. Lawn fertilizers are a very large source of phosphorus and if you're going to fertilize, do it in the fall with a low-phosphorous, organic fertilizer. If we want healthy lakes and streams we have to reduce the amount of lawn fertilizer we use.
5. Detergents – for laundry, cars and dishes – also are a large source of phosphorus. Many detergent manufacturers including large commercial producers have phosphorous-free detergents, so make sure you check the label before you buy.



Please help keep our lakes and streams clean.