

**WHEN YOU'RE FERTILIZING
THE LAWN,
REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST
FERTILIZING THE LAWN.**

WATER
QUALITY
CONSORTIUM



You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the storm drain, and directly into our lakes, and streams. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. So if you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly.

**How can you fertilize
and help keep our
waters clean?**

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Many plants do not need as much fertilizer or need it as often as you might think.
- Do not fertilize before a rainstorm.
- Consider using organic fertilizers; they release nutrients more slowly.
- Use commercially available compost or make your own using garden waste. Mixing compost with your soil means your plants will need less chemical fertilizer and puts your waste to good use. Commercial compost and soil amendments may be available from your solid waste or wastewater utility as well as your local garden store.
- For more information on fertilizing alternatives and composting, call your County Extension's Master Gardeners program at 303.464.5554.

**YOU CAN
HELP
PROTECT OUR
WATERWAYS**



To report an illicit discharge or for more information on the City and County of Broomfield's stormwater program please call 303.464.5648.

