

Take it easy on your lawn.

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Phosphorus, a nutrient found in most lawn fertilizers, is a problem for the Huron River. It promotes the rapid growth of algae, which crowds out beneficial water plants and depletes the water of oxygen. It gets in by hitching a ride with the rain water that runs off our lawns and paved surfaces into the storm drains.

If you do use manufactured lawn fertilizer:

- Switch to phosphorus free, the kind with "0" as the middle number. Phosphorus is naturally abundant in southeast Michigan soils. You can always get your soil tested to find out exactly what your lawn needs.
- Minimize the amount of fertilizer you use. Follow package directions carefully.
- Apply it during dry weather and follow with a light sprinkling to aid absorption. Take care not to let it run off your yard or paved surfaces into the storm drains.

Small actions make a
BIG difference.

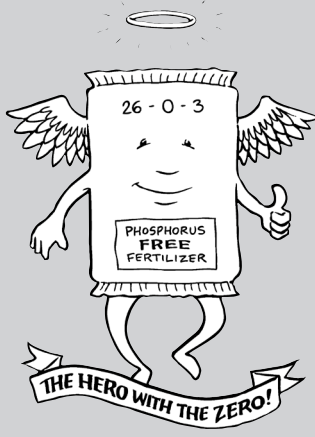


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Per your local ordinance, you may not apply lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus. Look for brochures with the details at your local lawn and garden retailer or go to www.a2gov.org/green.



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