

SPRING Lawn Care Tips

Spring is a time of rejuvenation. Say goodbye to the last of that gray, gritty snow. It's time for some lawn TLC.



TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SPRING LAWN:

- **REMOVE**—Remove damage and dead vegetation.
- **RESEED**—Reseed bare spots caused by salt with a salt-tolerant grass mix. Then keep the ground moist for 3-4 weeks.
- **KEEP GRASS LONG**—2-1/2 to 3 inches long for the healthiest growth.
- **WAIT TO FERTILIZE**—Fall is the best time to fertilize.

TIPS FOR KEEPING POLLUTANTS OUT:*

- **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY**—When applying and disposing of lawn-care products, please follow all instructions.
- **SWEEP UP**—Sweep up lawn products that fall on driveways or sidewalks.
- **REUSE**—Reuse or properly dispose of lawn products or chemical waste.
- **KEEP DRAINS CLEAR**—Keep storm drains clear of debris.
- **AVOID STREET WASTE**—Avoid raking leaves or shooting grass clippings into the street. Compost yard waste or bag it and bring to the dump.
- **“DOUBLE BAG” PET WASTE**—And dispose of all pet waste in trash.
- **CLEAN**—Clean material from gutters.
- **DIRECT**—Direct downspouts onto grass.

*Springtime pollutants include phosphorus and other chemicals. Phosphorus is found in organic materials-soil, grass, leaves, fertilizers, and pet waste. In waters, they feed algae. Chemicals are often part of spring fix0up efforts-paints, oils, and cleaners. Both can get into storm sewers, washed off by rainwater and snow runoff. It is not treated! It goes directly into area lakes and streams.