

# Lawn Care Management

Can The Way I Manage My Lawn Contaminate My Drinking Water?

Become **Better Informed** about Wellhead Protection

Fertilizers and lawn care chemicals can impact groundwater and drinking water resources. Over-applying lawn care products and poor timing of the application are common mistakes made and are ways drinking water can become polluted. Practice proper management of lawn care products to prevent contaminated water from reaching drinking water resources.

**Simple steps to protect your drinking water resources:**

*PROPER RATES:*

- \*Have your soil tested and follow recommendations.
- \*Never apply more than 1lb. of nitrogen (N) per 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn. Reduce rate to .5-.25 lbs of N per 1,000 sq. ft. in lighter texture soils.
- \*Follow all chemical labels and treatment rates!
- \*Clean up spills! Fill fertilizer spreaders and chemicals in areas where they can be properly cleaned up and away from streets and storm sewers!

*TIMING:*

- \*Wait until grass is actively growing before applying fertilizers.
- \*DO NOT apply fertilizers or chemicals to frozen ground or if inclement weather is forecast.

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