







Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer Means CLEANER LAKES

-  Phosphorus is a key nutrient needed for plant growth which is why it is often applied to gardens, lawns and agricultural fields. When it rains phosphorus washes off of lawns and into local waterways via the storm drainage system.
-  Phosphorus feeds algae and decreases water clarity. One pound of phosphorus can produce 300-500 pounds of algae.
-  Chances are your lawn doesn't need phosphorus. Hundreds of soil tests have shown that there is almost three times more phosphorus in Dane County lawn soils than what is needed for a healthy lawn.
-  An ordinance went into effect into 2005 that prohibits the use or sale of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus (visit website listed below for exemptions).



BUY PHOSPHORUS-FREE

Check the labels of the fertilizer you buy for your lawn. A middle number of "0" means the fertilizer does not contain phosphorus.

INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS ON DANE COUNTY'S PHOSPHORUS FREE ORDINANCE

This information is posted in accordance with Chapter 80 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, section 80.07 (2): "Effective January 1, 2005, no person shall display lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus" and (3) "Effective May 1, 2004, a sign containing the regulations set forth in this ordinance and the effects of phosphorus on Dane County's waters must be prominently displayed where lawn fertilizers are sold."