You are not just fertilizing your lawn!

How you can have a beautiful lawn and protect the environment.

Did you know that the excess fertilizer that is not utilized by vegetation can move through the soil and into our groundwater supplies? So, when you fertilize your lawn you could also be fertilizing your community’s drinking water supply. While fertilizer is good for your lawn, it’s bad for our water. What does this mean for you and your family? The primary inorganic nitrates which may contaminate drinking water are potassium nitrate and ammonium nitrate both of which are widely used as fertilizers. Excessive levels of nitrate in drinking water have caused serious illness. Remember the next time you apply fertilizer that you are not just fertilizing your lawn, but our drinking water too!
• READ CAREFULLY  Follow fertilizer application instructions carefully to avoid misuse of the product.
• BUY SMART  Buy the least amount of product needed and rinse containers and use the rinsate as you would the product.
• MOW HIGH  Make your lawn easier to maintain by mowing high. Use the 3 inches rule! Tall growth promotes root growth and shades out weeds.
• GO SLOW  Choose slow-release fertilizers! Slow-release fertilizers provide a steady supply of plant nutrients over an extended period of time.
• SOIL TEST  Stop wasting your money guessing! A soil test will tell you what, if any, fertilizer is needed in your lawn. Contact your local County Extension Office for more information.