

JUST SAY NO TO PHOSPHORUS

WHEN FERTIZING THE YARD, LESS IS BEST!

Lawns in Franklin don't need more phosphorus. Use phosphorus-free fertilizer (where the middle number on the bag is zero). Excess fertilizer flows into streams, lakes, and reservoirs, where its phosphorus and nitrogen can pollute streams, lead to algae and plant growth, and contribute to fish kills. Don't fertilize when rain is expected. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn to recycle the nutrients.



Mature shrubs and trees don't need to be fertilized.

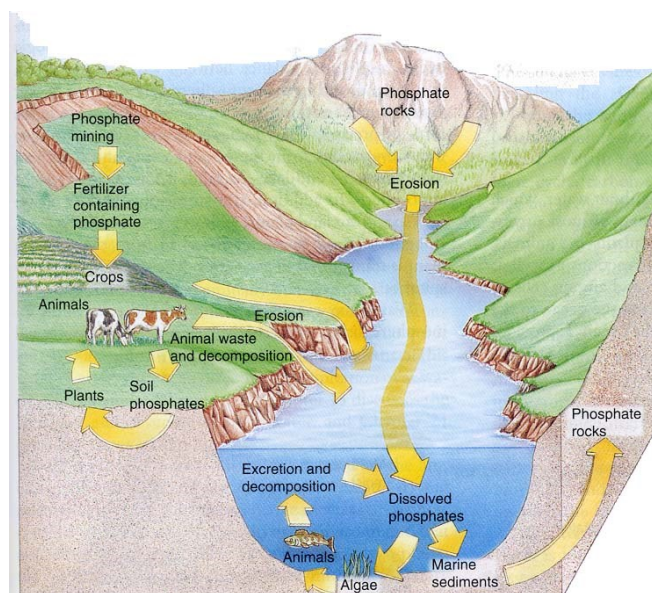
Fertilize younger shrubs and trees only as need to make them grow faster.



Have Algae?

Phosphorus supports the growth of algae and aquatic plants, but can lead to fish death.

THE PHOSPHOROUS CYCLE



If your lawn borders a lake, pond, or stream, keep the fertilizer far away from the water, unless you want to watch your clear water turn slimy green.