



Fertilizer: arch enemy of waterways

Streams, lakes and reservoirs don't need it, your lawn may not need it either. Fertilizer, like other products that serve a necessary purpose, can become a problem if misused. Most lawn fertilizers contain nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium represented by a three-number string on the front of the bag. Nutrient needs vary from lawn to lawn and can only be determined by testing the soil. If over applied, excess nutrients not needed by plants are carried by rain and washed to the nearest waterway causing excess algae growth that uses up vital oxygen for fish.

Please take the time to have your soil tested to determine your lawn's needs. This simple, small change in your lawn care, makes a huge difference not only to the health of your lawn but also to your nearby rivers, creeks and lakes that depend on you.

Local storm water agencies, including participants of the Douglas County Stormwater Co-op Group, SPLASH and SEMSWA, are teaming together to bring you this message. We take this so seriously that we posted this ad rather than send you more garbage in the mail. Together, with your help, we can make a difference in keeping our waterways clean. Look for this ad in coming months for more ways you can get involved.

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Protect your waterways. Know what you are applying and test your soil prior to using fertilizers. Contact the Colorado State University Extension at 970-491-5061 to have your soil tested.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AT THESE LOCAL EVENTS

June 12, 2008, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Town of Castle Rock Water Wiser Workshop. Founder Ridge House. Call 720-722-6011.

June 21, 2008, 9 to 11:00 a.m. – Summer Solstice Tour and Butterfly Count. Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park. Call 303-345-1675.

July 26, 2008, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Douglas County Household Chemical Roundup. 3270 Red Stone Park Circle, Highlands Ranch. Call 303-846-6249.

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