

WHY IT MATTIERS

Too many nutrients in streams and lakes cause rapid growth of algae.

Algae looks bad, smells bad, degrades water quality and can be harmful to your health.

As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water, leading to a decline in our drinking water quality - making it more expensive to treat.

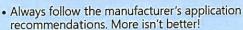
WHAT YOU CAN DO

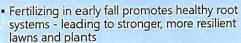
Dispose Properly



- Compost or bag your leaves and lawn clippings
- · Don't blow leaves or lawn clippings into the street
- Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers on sidewalks or streets

Fertilize Efficiently





Be Car Smart



- Use a commercial car wash where water is recycled and sent to treatment facilities
- · Wash your car on the lawn or gravel
- Dump your soapy bucket in the sink

Pick It Up & Pitch It



- · Clean up dog waste and dispose of it properly
- · Pet waste bags are available in most city parks

For Businesses



- Do your part at work to prevent stormwater pollution
- Perform necessary maintenance to ensure stormwater ponds and drainage control structures stay clear of litter and excessive sediment buildup
- Properly dispose of chemicals

and grease

Illegal Dumping

- · Do not dump chemicals or other waste materials into storm drains it's illegal
- · If you see it, report it

For Contractors



- Special stormwater permits are required for most construction sites
- See CityofMontrose.org/Stormwater for additional details
- Report excessive dust or mud trackout from construction sites