

**Attention Homeowners!**  
Help Protect Fresh Water in Your Community

Happy Spring, everyone!

With all of this beautiful sunny weather, people are out in their yards working or thinking about hiring a professional company. Before you or your lawn service head out please keep in mind that the Spring rain will carry small amounts of oil, grease, soil, debris and other pollutants to our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Fertilizers and pesticides that are used on lawns according to state law must be cleaned clean off of driveways and walks to avoid polluting our watersheds.

Using a “one size fits all’ method of lawn care may allow for overuse of these chemicals. By choosing a service provider that follows The Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection, you can carefully tailor your lawn care protocol to fit your individual needs.



There are eight main questions to ask your Lawn Care Service

1. Do you conduct an initial on-site consultation/assessment?
2. Do you offer a soil test?
3. Do you adjust fertilizer quantities and number of applications accordingly?
4. Do you apply at least 40% slow release nitrogen fertilizer?
5. Do you use no or low phosphorous fertilizer?
6. Do you offer spot-treatment/or one-time rescue operation for weeds?
7. Do you provide customized lawn care advice to the customer on mowing/irrigation?

For a list of Lawn Care Providers who follow the Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection visit <http://www.landscape.org/healthylawncare.cfm> or call [\(248\) 646-4992](tel:2486464992).