

BEAUTIFUL LAWN. HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

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Everything we do on lawns, driveways and yards eventually ends up in our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Everyday decisions DO matter!
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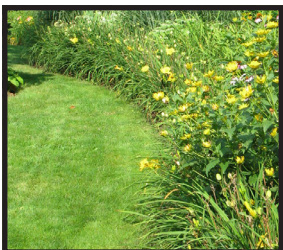
Here are some ways to get you started:

- Use a mulching mower and mulch grass clippings into your lawn.
- Use fertilizers with Slow Release nitrogen and NO phosphorus.
- Use a broom, not a water hose, to clean grass clippings and fertilizer granules off sidewalks and driveways.
- If you irrigate, water longer but less frequently... up to 1" one time per week, less any rainfall.
- Plant a variety of grasses appropriate to the area. Fescue and grasses have longer roots than the typical Kentucky bluegrass.

WHY? It's easy to be seduced into using more fertilizer and more water than is necessary, all in the name of lush, green grass. But too much of a good thing is harming our lakes, streams and groundwater. Did you know that lawn irrigation accounts for about 40% of domestic water use during the summer months? Or that mulching does NOT contribute to thatch but rather recycles nutrients back into your lawn? Choose grasses that use less water and fertilizers AND are very attractive.

Contact the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for more information.

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