

# Keeping Our Yards “Green” And Our Waters Clean



**Start Out By Improving Your Soil’s Health!**



**Don’t Guess! Soil test in the fall or early spring to determine your soil needs.**



**Keep leaves, twigs, & winter debris out of storm drains by raking up and using as compost.**



**Soil is alive with tiny organisms. Add compost to your soil to keep it healthy.**



**Keep foot traffic and vehicles off the lawn in winter. Compacted soil results in erosion and transportation of polluted sediments into rivers & streams.**



**Apply fertilizer before the first frost and use only organic, or phosphate-free fertilizer.**



**Never apply fertilizer on frozen ground or steep slopes, to avoid runoff. Excess fertilizer in our ponds causes algal blooms.**



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