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What can you do?

Residents play an important role in protecting our water bodies and preventing stormwater pollution.

To keep polluted runoff from entering your lake there are several steps you can take:

Fertilize Responsibly

Use fertilizer with “O” phosphorous and “slow release” nitrogen. Don’t overfertilize. Follow the directions on your fertilizer bag: LABEL IS LAW! Excess fertilizer that is not utilized by your lawn is washed into the lake via stormwater runoff.

Bag It, Don’t Blow It

Be sure that trash, debris and yard waste are kept off of paved surfaces (i.e., never leave grass clippings on the sidewalk, do not blow leaves from yard into street, pick up all trash and debris around your house).

GI BMP Certified Lawn Maintenance

If you hire a lawn maintenance company, be sure they have taken a Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI BMP) course and are certified to treat your lawn. Be sure they are applying fertilizer and pesticides appropriately, as well as keeping yard debris such as grass clippings and leaves off of roads, sidewalks, and other paved surfaces.

Pick Up After Your Pets

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Keep Your Soap Out of the Gutter

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