



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

for

Stormwater-Friendly Lawn Care



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FOLLOW THESE TIPS

to help keep our streams running clean

- Only plant species that are suited to the soil type.
- Plant natives as often as possible.
- Make a rain garden to help with flood control and runoff.
- Only plant grass in areas that will actually be used as lawn.
- Plant ground-covers and use mulch to protect the soil from drying out, overheating, and erosion.
- Irrigate with Care:
 - Check sprinkler heads at least once per season.
 - Utilize drip irrigation or use soaker hoses.
 - Group plants of similar moisture needs together.
 - Water lawns and foliage at night or in the early morning.
 - Use a rain gauge to limit overwatering.
- Use Chemicals with Care:
 - Chemicals harm aquatic ecosystems and contaminate drinking water.
 - Follow application directions precisely.
 - Always dispose of chemicals properly.
- Use compost to reduce water pollution and provide a non-toxic fertilizer.
 - Compost also enhances soil and reduces erosion
- Mulch-mow grass clippings and leaves.
 - Never blow grass or leaves into gutters or storm drains.

